

**His Banner  
Over Me  
Is Love**









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## History of Flags



- \* **Oldest flag is the Shadad Standard from Persia**
- \* **Oldest continuously used flag is from Denmark from 1200 AD**
- \* **The etymology of the word flag appears in an old English word “flakken” which means to flutter.**
- \* **Flag like symbols have been used in China from the 11th century BC.**
- \* **The development of Chinese silk “modernized” the shape of flags.**

**Early representations of “standards” can be found on Egyptian bas-reliefs such as the Narmer Palette, which is said to be the earliest representation. They are known as vexilloids or flag-like standards and were symbols of the names of pre-dynastic Egypt. The ancient Greek writers attributed the creation of standards to the Egyptians. These “standards” usually consisted of figures of sacred animals on the end of a staff or spear.**



- \* While China, Greece and Persia are all known to have used cloth banners to designate parts of their armies, in ancient times, it was the Romans who made the most widespread use of flag like symbols to represent their armies.
- \* These banners known as vexillum are dated to 300 AD
- \* Another Roman standard that was wide spread by the time of the 4th century was Draco or Dragon. It would take the form of a dragon affixed to a lance with silver jaws and a body of colorful silk.





**Flag**

**Soof**

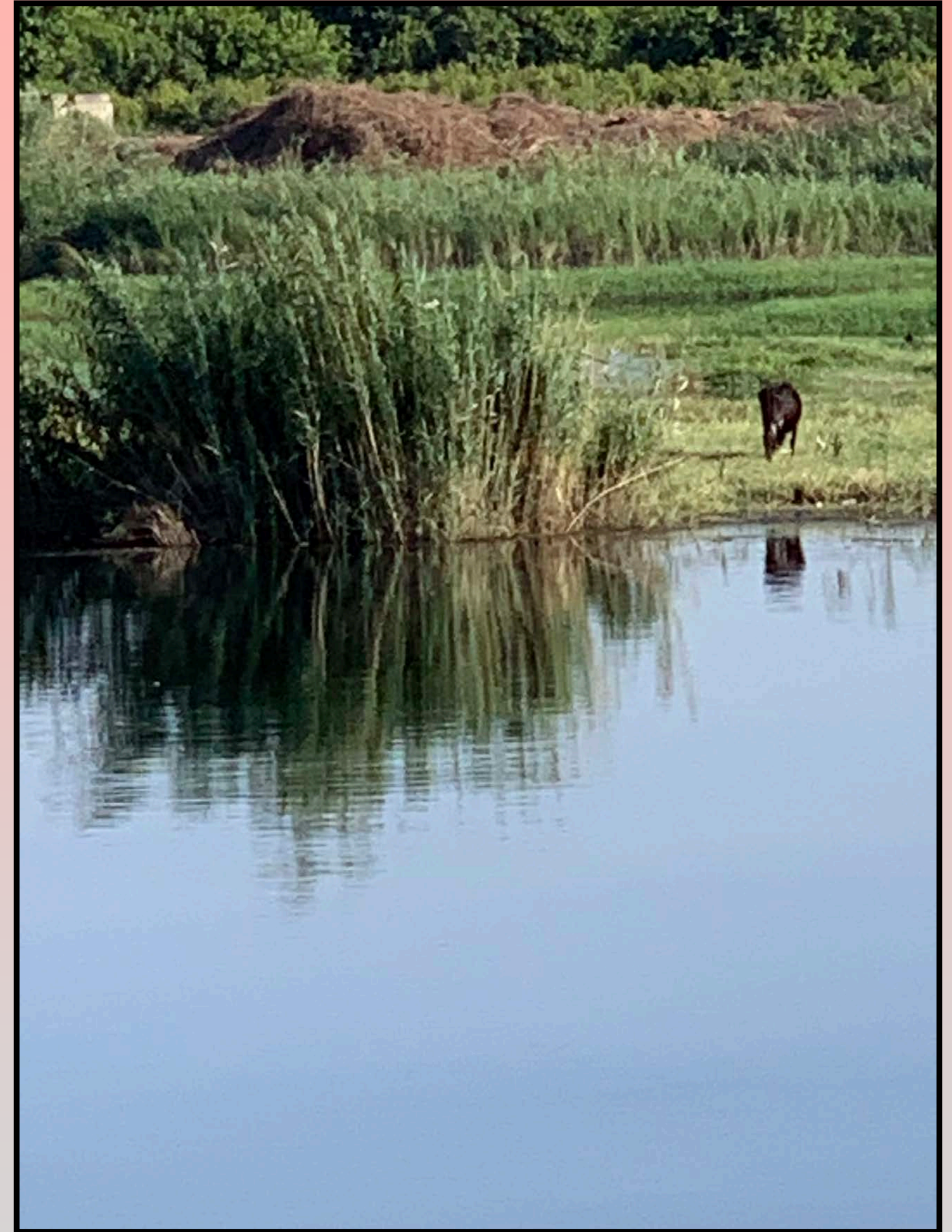
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**Strong's #H5488**

**A reed, especially the papyrus, flag  
red (sea) weed**

**Exodus 2:3**

**And when she could not longer  
hide him, she took for him an ark of  
bulrushes, and daubed it with slime  
and with pitch, and put the child  
therein, and she laid it in the flags  
by the river's brink**





# **Names for Flags** **in Scripture**

**Ensign, Banner, Standard,  
Sail, Mark, Signal**



# The flags of the 12 tribes of Israel

Descriptions of each tribe's flag can be found in the Messianic Delaware lessons on the Lost Tribes

(9/23/22 – 10/21/22)





**Each Israelite family was commanded to post their “standard”**

**Numbers 1:52**

**And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.**

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**Numbers 2:3**

**Numbers 2:10**

**Numbers 2:18**

**Number 2:25**



# There are 3 Hebrew words that are used in place of flags

Owth

אֹת

**Strong's #H2266**

**As signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, omen prodigy, evidence mark,  
miracle**

**Numbers 2:2**

**Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard (Degel),  
with the ensign (owth) of their father's house, far off about the tabernacle  
of the congregation shall they pitch.**

**Isaiah 49:22**

**Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles,  
and set up my standard (owth) to the people, and they shall bring thy sons  
in their arms.**



## Degel

דגל

**Strong's #H1714**

**A signal as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, mark, miracle, token**

**Song of Solomon 2:4**

**He brought me into his banqueting house and his banner (degel) over me was love.**

**Numbers 10:18**

**And the standard (degel) of the camp of Ruben set forward according to their armies and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur.**

**Numbers 10:22**

**And the standard (degel) of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies, and over the host was Elishama the son of Ammihud.**

**Nec**

**oɿ**

**Stronggs #H5251**

**A flag, also a sail, a flagstaff, generally  
a signal, a token, banner, sail, ensign,  
standard**



## **Numbers 21:4-9**

**4) And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom, and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.**

**5) And the people spake against Yahovah and against Moses, “Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness for there is no bread, neither is there any water and our soul loathes this light bread.”**

**6) And Yahovah sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people and much people of Israel died.**



**7) Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned for we have spoken against Yahovah and against thee, pray unto Yahovah that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.**

**8) And Yahovah said unto Moses, “Make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole (nec), and it shall come to pass that every one that is bitten when he looks upon it shall live.”**

**9) And Moses made a serpent of brass, put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived.**



## **John 3: 14-16**

**14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,**

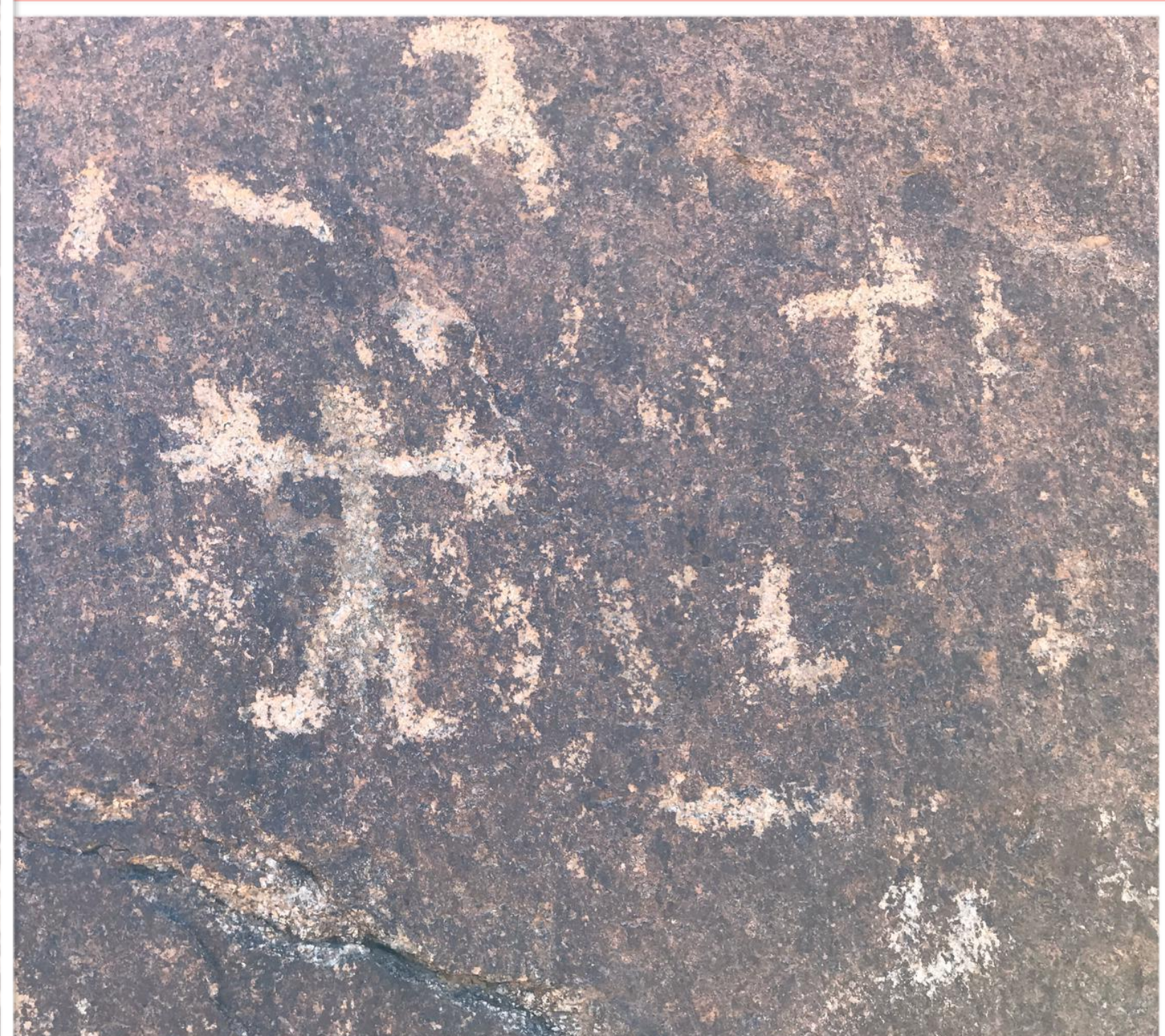
**15) That whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**16) For Yahovah so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

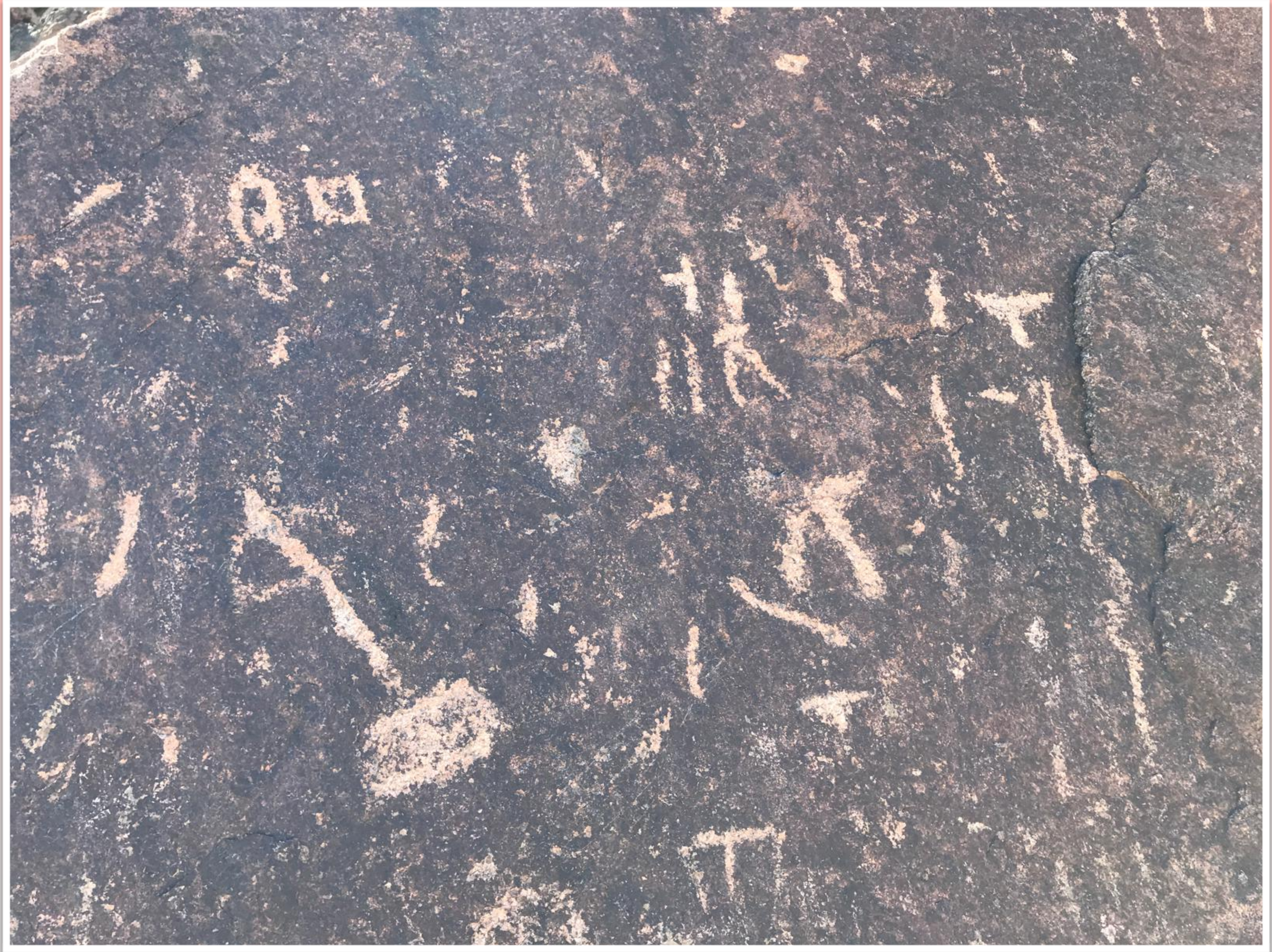














**What exactly was “lifted up” in the wilderness?**

**Numbers 21:6**

**“And Yahovah sent “fiery serpents” among the people”**

**Fiery**

**Strong's #H8314**

**Saraph**

**שרף**

**Burning, poisonous a  
symbolical creature from  
their copper color**

**Serpent**

**Strong's #H5175**

**Nachash**

**נחש**

**A snake from its hiss,  
serpent**

## **Numbers 21:8**

**And Yahovah said unto Moses, “Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole, and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looks upon it shall live.”**

**The clue to understanding these versus is understanding the word  
“Pole”**

**Pole**

**Nec**

**Strong's #H5251**

**o1**

**An ensign, A flag, also a sail, a signal, a banner,  
a standard, a beacon**



## **Exodus 17:15**

**And Moses built an altar and called  
the name of it Yahovah-Nissi (Nec)**

## **John 12:34**

**The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abides forever, and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this son of man?**



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## **Isaiah 11:10**

**And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious!**

## **Isaiah 5:26**

**And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly.**

## **Jeremiah 4:6**

**Set up the standard toward Zion, retire, stay not, for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.**



## **Song of Solomon 2:3-6**

**3) As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.**

**4) He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.**

**5) Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples, for I am sick of love.**

**6) His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.**