

CHAPTER 1

CROCODILE KING

Who is Sobek? What does he look like?

Sobek was an **ancient** Egyptian god. Ancient means old. Egypt is a country in the Middle East. It's in North Africa.

Sobek was the god of crocodiles. He lived in the Nile River. Ancient Egyptians depended on the Nile River. Egypt doesn't get much rain. But the Nile River **flooded**. Flooding is when water spills over. The flooding left behind black **silt**. Silt was rich soil. This silt made the land **fertile**. Fertile means capable of growing food.

Ancient Egyptians worshipped the Nile River. But they also feared it. A high flood destroyed cities. A low flood meant people couldn't grow food. And crocodiles lived in the Nile. They killed people. Sobek protected people from crocodiles.

Sobek worked with Hapi. Hapi was the god of the Nile River. He was the god of its annual flooding. Annual means happening every year.



Nile crocodiles have the strongest bite in the animal kingdom.

