This is the Account of Jannes and Jambres, the Magicians who withstood Moses in the Court of Pharoah

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1 The king summoned all his servants, both the wise men and the magicians. After seven days, he was walking about his house and saw one of the apple trees had flourished, and the branches were already providing shade. When he had become aware of this, he ordered one of his magicians, Jannes, to sit under the apple tree.

2 While Jannes was seated there, there was a massive earthquake and from sky came the sound of thunder and a streak of lightning which caused some of the branches to break off. When Jannes saw this, he ran into the library to get his magical tools. When he returned, two people appeared near the tree. Both were clothed in white robes, with the two having their own magical tools. One of the men turned to Jannes and stated, “The LORD of the earth has sent us to lead you away to Sheol. From now on, you will be a companion of the dead. You shall forever be pitied.” Then the two men in white said, “Let there be granted to you fourteen days in your house and after that messenger of death shall come for you.”

3 When Jannes' brother, Jambres, knew what had happened, he sent for their mother to join them. When she arrived on the scene, Jannes explained what had just occurred. He said to his mother and brother, “I shall send for you, my mother, and you, my brother, when it is time.” He also said that Jambres should attend to their mother until then. Then he approached her and kissed her, fighting back the tears until she left. He then took leave of his friends, having urged them all to take care of his mother for him. Then he took his brother with him to Memphis.
While on their journey, Jannes handed Jambres a book. He said, “I am passing this document to you. Keep it secret, and take heed so as not to go forth on the day when the king marches out with the grandees of Egypt against the people of the Hebrews. And also make sure you do not accompany the king on his siege.” Then Jannes stated, “When I become ill and my soul is being taken, make sure you summon our mother to me before I perish.”

Seven days later, the brothers were enjoying themselves at a wedding. Jannes began speaking during the wedding but before he could finish speaking, emissaries came from the king's palace stating, “Come quickly and oppose Moses, the Hebrew, who is performing wonders to the amazement of all.”

When Jannes arrived in the palace, he opposed Moses and his brother, Aaron, by doing everything they had done. Then, the fatal disease struck him on the spot, and with a painful ulcer he went to the cedar trees. After a while, Jannes sent word to the king, that this active power is of the Hebrew God. He said he was unable to defeat this power, and he was on his death bed.

Jannes then called his brother and urged him not to grieve for him because it could be hazardous to him. All our possessions cannot protect us against this power. Make ready for the spirit of death to come for me and after it has come, try to summon me through my spirit. Morning was now approaching and all things being observed, Jannes made an inquiry at what hour did Jambres see the setting of the sun. Then he said, “Such is a generation of lying lips and deceitful hearts of the hour of my death.” But Jambres said nothing and did not move.

After this occurred, the king of Egypt planned on pursuing the people of the Hebrews, who were leaving Egypt. The people of Egypt were weeping in this time of mourning but Jambres did not. He remembered the oath which he swore to his brother. Jambres heard a noise and heard Jannes speak from his bed. Jannes told him that he could not keep himself from perishing because his whole body had been agitated since he opposed Moses.
When Jannes heard of the king's plans, he encouraged all his other friends also. Then his mother arrived, crying out, “My poor son, how is he?” When his mother viewed her son, she was amazed at how Jannes appeared. His mother approached him so she could kiss him, but he turned away from her. He said to her, “Stay back, on account of the fever. I am unable to move and I am in extreme pain.” His mother said, “What can I do for you my son?” He replied, “You took the trouble to come and see me in my horrible condition and I am thankful for that. I will go to my grave happy before I perish.” His mother then told him, “I saw the dead and no one resembled you. Lie here and you shall be saved.” Then his mother realized that Jannes' appearance had been changed. Her son was dead.

Jambres and his mother wept over Jannes. Jambres stated, “I have been deprived my brother's presence and all the money or possessions could not replace him.” Jambres realized that the spirit of death had not only taken his brother but also took his mother from this world. He took them both to the tomb of his brother. After having performed the rites, he left his mother and brother for all time.

Jambres later returned to the apple tree with Jannes' magical books and tools. He performed necromancy and brought up from Sheol his brother's shade. The shade of Jannes said to him, “I did not die unjustly but justly and the judgment will go against me. Since I was more clever than all the clever magicians and opposed the two brothers, Moses and Aaron. As a result, I died and was brought from among the living to Sheol, where there is the pit of perdition, and from here no ascent is possible. Make sure you do good in you life, to your children and friends; for in Sheol no good exists; only gloom and darkness. After you will have died and entered Sheol, your abode will be about ten square feet.”

“The sons of Egypt, on account of their actions in life, will be descending to Sheol also. The gates of heaven are not for the dumb and perverted. We were unable to keep away from corruption in our lives, for Moses knew that we shall descend to Sheol when we perish. Our limbs are full of darkness, and there is nothing anyone can do.”
We, who worshipped false gods and carved devils, came to destruction with our gods; for God loves neither the gods nor their worshippers. Not even the kings of Egypt can avoid Sheol. For those who practiced sorcery, committed perjury, and other sinful actions of this nature, would end up here. Everyone who opposes the God of the earth cannot avoid Sheol. Nothing we do can protect us now from the wrath of the Hebrew God. We are all damned for the way we lived our lives.

This ends the account of Jannes and Jambres which was from a document found in Egypt along with the secret book that Jannes gave to Jambres on the road to Memphis. The secret book was called “The Messages”, and these magicians kept that book as a way to hide what was contained in it from Israel because Jannes felt that the contents would cause serious revolt against Egypt.