so Moses picked it up. God said to him, Now go show these signs to Pharoah." O.K. When Moses got there ships to demonstrate his rod Pharoah said, "well now you haven't done anything. I have some who can do the same thing. Come on magicians". That was Pharoahs' false prophets. He says "Go ahead and cast your rod". When the magicians cast their rods, the rods crawled around like serpents and Moses was excited. "My, my", thought Moses. "Their rods are crawling as good as mine and I got mine from Jehovah up there in the bushes. Where did they get their rods from? Who gave them the power to crawl around like serpents". Moses was afraid again. Maybe he was being cheated or maybe Jehovah did not give him the best for these people have rods that do the same thing as mine. Look at the point there. Then, the Holy Quran says, Allah says go ahead. You will be the overcomer, cast down your rod. He cast his down and his serpent ate up the magicians. Then the magicians were astonished. Pharoah was defeated. The same goes now. The magicians make a picture before you that looks like it really has divine work in it. God himself could not do any better you might think. Oh Brother! Its not the power of God working there. It is the enemies power working there. Get after them with truth. Some of the scientists say that this serpent that was crawling of the magicians was the lies that they were telling and Moses put down the truth and his truth ate up their lies. It was truth versus lies. The magicians had the lies and Moses had the truth. They were smart with their lies thinking they could win with lies but Moees put down the truth and it ate up the lies. That's the way one scientist gives it. I don't say that's exactly what it was. Actually this rod serves as a sign. The rod acts as something we use to chastise. When God asked Moses the first time, "Moses what is that you have in your hand/" He says, "My rod that I walk with and that I beat off the leaves that fall on my sheep with." This is a good thing to show Pharoah, some truth that I have to demonstrate to the World and what will come 4,000 years from now. See this rod, you can use it for chastising, you can use it for resting on, to lean on; you can use it to aid your sheep. I'm going to give a rod that in the last day will aid people and we will give a sign of that by your rod here. That same rod brought death to Pharoah and his army in the Red Sea according to the Book as he struck the water and the water went together and drowned Pharoah. This was a mighty rod but this was also just an example of what God has in mind in the last day. The rod is spoken of in Isaih as,"And you shall beat them to pieces with the rod like a clay pot" referring to people. This is not a literal rod. The Book closes in the last chapter that a sword came out of the lambs mouth to overcome the beast and brought the beast to naught. Not with a literal sword but the sword that proceeded out of his mouth, that the truth. That was the truth that Moses was contending with Pharoah with. It put Pharoah and his magicians to death. Right? ALL PRAISE IS DUE ALLAH!!