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**I am the lord of fire who lives on truth,
The Lord of Eternity, Maker of Joy, Against whom the otherworldly serpents have not rebelled.**

**I am the God in his shrine, The Lord of Slaughter, who calms the storm,
Who drives off the serpents, the many-named one who comes forth from his shrine,**

The Lord of the Winds who foretells the Northwind,

Many-named in the Mouth of the Ennead,

Lord of the Horizon, Creator of Light,

Who illumines heaven with his own beauty

I am He! Make way for me . . .

(an ancient Egyptian spell from 'The Coffin Texts')

Senet for Windows

Senet was an immensely popular game in ancient Egypt. Played by both commoners and nobility, it took on even religious significance in later times.

The most common playing pieces were 5 cones shaped pieces pitted against 5 reel shaped pieces (These pieces were called 'ibau' which means 'dancers' in Egyptian).

The game was played on a board of 30 squares; the object being to get one's pieces on the board, then around the board in an S-shaped pattern, and finally off again at the far end. The game requires strategy in the face of whimsical chance -- the 'chance' coming from 'casting sticks', used as the 'dice' in older times, or in latter times, perhaps from 'knuckle bones'.

Senet is a two player game but during the New Kingdom period a game in progress would often appear painted on tomb walls as a 'one' player game -- the opponent being a spirit from the afterlife. The silver engraving on the 'Splash Screen' is just such as situation. In the engraving, the nobleman Amenmose (to the right) fights against Fate, with the stakes being immortality. May your games never be so serious.

Senet was ancient Egypt's national game for 3000 years. Now it is here again in the present, re-created through the magic of electrons and phosphorus, for you to play.

Welcome to the game of the Pharaohs!

But are you good enough to beat the Mummy at his own game?

[Go to 'Bytes 'o History' to download Senet.zip](#)

or

[Download it right from here \(senet.zip -- 491 Kb\)](#)

Interested in just the rules and history of the game? Then download just the [Windows Help file](#) if you'd like.

Note: This program requires [YBRUN300.DLL](#) to exist on your system.

Looking for 'Ancient Egypt' on the Web? Any of the following are great starting points:

- [ABZU](#) : Charles Jones Guide to Resources for the study of the Ancient Near East
- [CCER](#) : Center for Computer-Aided Egyptological Research by Hans van den Berg
- [Serge Rosmorduc's Home Page](#) ; Be sure to try your name in [Hieroglyphs](#)
- [Egyptology Home Page](#) : Nigel Strudwick
- [KMT Magazine](#) on [Reeder's Egypt Page](#)
- [Classical Mediterranean E-Mail List Archives](#)
- [The Ancient World Web](#) : Julia Hayden
- [Guardian's Egypt](#) : Andrew Bayuk
- [The Griffith Institute, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford](#)

- There is an excellent introduction to Egyptian History and Antiquities at the official [Egyptian Ministry of Tourism](#) site.
 - [The Theban Mapping Project](#) -- a must see!!!!
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