

Exodus 7:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

Analysis

God declares 'I have made thee a god to Pharaoh' (אֱלֹהִים, *elohim*—a god, divine representative). Moses will speak with divine authority, while Aaron serves as 'thy prophet' (נְבִיאֲךָ, *nebi'ekha*). This establishes the divine-prophet-people chain that challenges Pharaoh's claim to divinity.

Historical Context

Egyptian theology made Pharaoh a living god, son of Ra and incarnation of Horus. God's declaration that Moses is 'elohim' to Pharaoh inverts this claim—the Hebrew shepherd outranks Egypt's god-king.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does understanding Moses as God's representative encourage you in facing opposition?
2. What does this verse teach about delegated divine authority?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	רְאֵה	נָתַתִּי יְדִי	אֱלֹהִים יִם
said	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	See	I have made	thee a god
H559	H3068		H4872	H7200	H5414	H430
לְפָרֹעַ	וְאַהֲרֹן	אָחִי יְדִי	יְהוָה	נְבִיאִי:		
to Pharaoh	and Aaron	thy brother	H1961	shall be thy prophet		
H6547	H175	H251		H5030		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 82:6 (References God): I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Jeremiah 1:10 (Parallel theme): See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

1 Kings 17:23 (Parallel theme): And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

Exodus 16:29 (References Lord): See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

Genesis 19:21 (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

2 Kings 6:32 (Parallel theme): But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?