

Exodus 7:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

Analysis

Verse 14 in the first plague narrative describes the Nile turning to blood. This targets Hapi, Egyptian god of the Nile, demonstrating YHWH's supremacy over Egypt's life source. The water that sustains Egypt becomes death, reversing the blessing.

Historical Context

The Nile was Egypt's lifeline, worshipped as divine. Hapi's annual flood determined Egypt's prosperity. The plague striking Egypt's water supply while Goshen remained unaffected (8:22-23) demonstrates selective judgment.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this plague reveal God's sovereignty over creation and false gods?
2. What modern 'life sources' do people trust instead of God?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	כִּי	לֵב	פַּרְעֹה
said	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	is hardened	heart	Pharaoh's
H559	H3068		H4872	H3515	H3820	H6547
יָמָא	לֵשֶׁל	הָעָם:				
he refuseth	go	to let the people				
H3985	H7971	H5971				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 8:15 (References Lord): But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

Exodus 10:27 (References Lord): But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

Exodus 10:20 (References Lord): But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

Exodus 10:1 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: