

Exodus 7:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

Analysis

Verse 15 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

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thee	unto Pharaoh	in the morning	lo he goeth out	
הַמַּיְמָה H4325	וְנִצַּבְתָּ H5324	לִקְרַאת וְ H7125	עַל שֹׁפַת H5921 H8193	הַיָּאֵר H2975
unto the water	and thou shalt stand	against he come	brink	by the river's
וְהַמֶּטֶּה H4294	אֲשֶׁר H834	נָהַפָּה H2015	לְנֹחַשׁ H5175	תִּקַּח H3947
and the rod	which was turned	to a serpent	shalt thou take	in thine hand
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 8:20 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 7:10 (Parallel theme): And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

Exodus 2:5 (Parallel theme): And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.