

# Exodus 7:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

## Analysis

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Verse 18 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

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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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וְהָדָג הַ	אֲשֶׁר	הַיָּאֵר:	תָּמּוּ וְ	וּבָא שׁ	הַיָּאֵר:	וְנִלְא וְ
And the fish	H834	and the river	shall die	shall stink	and the river	shall lothe
H1710		H2975	H4191	H887	H2975	H3811
מִצֵּרַיִם	לִשְׁתּוּ	מִיָּם	מִן	הַיָּאֵר:		
and the Egyptians	to drink	of the water	H4480	and the river		
H4714	H8354	H4325		H2975		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 7:24** (References Egypt): And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

**Exodus 7:21** (References Egypt): And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.