

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

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

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

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

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

וְנַלְאָה	הַיָּאָרָה	וְבַאֲשָׁר	תִּמְתַּחַם וְתִּתְּמַתֵּחַ	הַיָּאָרָה	וְבַאֲשָׁר	וְבַאֲשָׁר	וְבַאֲשָׁר	וְבַאֲשָׁר
And the fish	H834	and the river	shall die	shall stink	and the river	shall lothe		
H1710		H2975	H4191	H887	H2975		H3811	
מִצְרַיִם	מִצְרַיִם	לִשְׁתָּה וְתִּשְׁתַּחַם	הַיָּאָרָה	מִצְרַיִם	מִצְרַיִם	מִצְרַיִם		
and the Egyptians	to drink	of the water	H4480	and the river				
H4714		H8354	H4325		H2975			

Additional Cross-References

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.

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