

Exodus 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

Analysis

Verse 19 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	אָמַר	אֶל	אַהֲרֹן	קַח
Say	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	Say	H413	unto Aaron	Take
H559	H3068		H4872	H559		H175	H3947
מֶטֶבֶל	וַיִּשְׂטֹחַ	יָדוֹ	עַל	מִיַּמֶּינָהּ	מִצְרַיִם	עַל	
thy rod	and stretch out	thine hand	H5921	of water	of Egypt	H5921	
H4294	H5186	H3027		H4325	H4714		
נְהַרְתָּ	עַל	יְאֲרֵיהֶם	וְעַל	אֲגַמִּיּוֹתָם		וְעַל	
upon their streams	H5921	upon their rivers	H5921	and upon their ponds		H5921	
H5104		H2975		H98			
כָּל	מִקְוֵי הָ	מִיַּמֶּינָהּ	וַיְהִי	דָם			
H3605	and upon all their pools	of water	H1961	and that there may be blood			
	H4723	H4325		H1818			
וְהָיָה	דָם	בְּכָל	אֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם			
H1961	and that there may be blood	H3605	throughout all the land	of Egypt			
	H1818		H776	H4714			
וּבְעֵצִים	וּבְאֲבָנִים:						
both in vessels of wood	and in vessels of stone						
H6086	H68						

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:21 (References Lord): And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exodus 10:12 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

Exodus 10:21 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

Exodus 14:26 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

Exodus 8:16 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.