

Exodus 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

Analysis

Verse 22 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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

בְּלֹטִים מִצְרָיִם כִּי יִצְשָׁוּ
did H3651 And the magicians of Egypt so with their enchantments
H6213 H2748 H4714 H3909

אַלְפָה שָׁמַע לֹא פְּרָעָה לְבָבָי
was hardened heart and Pharaoh's neither did he hearken
H2388 H3820 H6547 H3808 H8085 H413

יְהִי רְכָבָשׁ הָבָרָה
had said unto them as the LORD
H834 H1696 H3068

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 7:11 (References Egypt): Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

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