

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

וַעֲשׂוּ did H6213	כִּי H3651	וְחֹרְטֵי יָם And the magicians H2748	מִמִּצְרַיִם of Egypt H4714	כַּלְטִיָּהֶם so with their enchantments H3909	
וַיְחַזֵּק was hardened H2388	לִבּוֹ heart H3820	וּפַרְעֹה and Pharaoh's H6547	וְלֹא H3808	שָׁמַע neither did he hearken H8085	אֵלָיו H413
כָּאֵשׁ H834	דָּבָר had said H1696	יְהוָה unto them as the LORD 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.