

Exodus 7:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

Analysis

Verse 23 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 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וַיִּפֹּן	פַּרְעֹה	וַיֵּבֶ אֶל	בֵּיתוֹ	וְלֹא	שָׁם
turned	And Pharaoh	and went	into his house	neither did he set	
H6437	H6547	H935	H413 H1004	H3808	H7896
לִבּוֹ	גַּם	לְזֹאת:			
his heart		to this			
H3820	H1571	H2063			

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