

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

שׁתַּיְלָא בֵּיתֵי פַּרְעַה אֶל יָבָא וְיָפַן
turned And Pharaoh and went H413 into his house H3808 neither did he set
H6437 H6547 H935 H1004 H3808 H7896

לֹזַאתָ גַּם לֵב וְ
his heart to this H1571 H2063

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