

# Psalm 105:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

## Analysis

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God 'turned their waters into blood and slew their fish' - the first plague. Transforming the Nile, Egypt's lifeline, into blood demonstrated God's power over their primary resource. Killing fish destroyed food supply and made water undrinkable. This plague attacked Hapi, the Nile god, showing Yahweh's supremacy. Blood symbolized death and foreshadowed the Passover's substitutionary blood. Christ's blood brings life, not death (John 6:53-56). The Reformed emphasis on substitutionary atonement sees Passover blood pointing to Christ's blood that delivers from God's judgment.

## Historical Context

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The Nile's transformation to blood (Exod 7:14-25) was the first plague, striking at Egypt's primary water source and a deity they worshiped. This plague lasted seven days, causing severe hardship.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the plague of blood point forward to the Passover and ultimately to Christ's blood?
2. What 'gods' (false sources of security) does God need to demonstrate His superiority over in your life?

## Interlinear Text

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דָּבָרִים: אָתָּה בְּפָנָי מִימִינֶךָ מִתְּבָנֶת לְדִבְרֵי מִתְּבָנֶת  
He turned H853 their waters H4325 into blood H1818 and slew H4191 their fish H1710

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 78:44** (Blood): And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

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