

Exodus 7:14-25 **Plague of Blood**

14 So the LORD said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. 16 And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear! 17 Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river." ' "

19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.' " 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. 22 Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. 23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this. 24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. 25 And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Pharaoh had refused to let Israel go after seeing the sign of the rod becoming a snake, believing it was simply a feat of magic duplicated by his magicians. In this case Pharaoh hardened his own heart, as he had done when he withheld straw from the brick makers.
- ✧ God said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hard, he refuses to let the people go."
- ✧ God then commanded Moses to meet Pharaoh at the bank of the river in the morning when Pharaoh goes to draw water, taking the rod that became a snake in his hand.
- ✧ God commanded Moses concerning the waters of the river to become blood, and told Moses what extent the plague would reach.
- ✧ **The River was worshiped by the Egyptians**, and God demonstrated that the Waters of River are under His control, and the river is in itself not a god possessing any supernatural powers nor able to defend itself from the hand of God. It is simply a substance provided by God to irrigate the land and provide a home for the fish that inhabit it.
- ✧ **The purpose of the plague was so that Pharaoh might know that God is Yehowah, creator and sustainer of all things.**
- ✧ **The Egyptian gods affected were:**
 - ◇ The **Nile River** itself.
 - ◇ **Khnum**, the guardian of the Nile.
 - ◇ **Hopi**, the spirit of the Nile.
 - ◇ **Osiris**, for whom the Nile River was his bloodstream,
 - ◇ **Sepek**, a crocodile god who had the body of a man and the head of a crocodile.
 - ◇ **Neith**, the protector of the large fish.
 - ◇ **Hathor**, the protector of the major fish.

- ✧ All these so called gods failed, before the hand of Yehowah.
- ✧ Moses commanded Aaron, and Aaron did as God had commanded Moses.
- ✧ The waters of the river turned to blood.
- ✧ The magicians did the same with their enchantments, which simply added to the plague, so Pharaoh again saw it as a feat of magic, and refused to let Israel go just as God had said he would. [\[Exodus 3:19-22, 4:21-23, 7:3-5\]](#)
- ✧ This is the third time Pharaoh hardened his own heart. [\[Exodus 5:1-9, 7:1-13, 7:14-23\]](#)
- ✧ The people of Egypt dug all around the river for water to drink, because the river water was blood.
- ✧ Seven days passed before God sent the next plague.