

(Exodus) Exodus 7:14-25

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The sermon highlights the hardened heart of Pharaoh and the first plague, the turning of the Nile river to blood, which was a manifestation of God's judgment and a blow to Egyptian worship.

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Scripture: Exodus 7:14-18, Exodus 7:22, Exodus 7:25

Topics: "Divine Judgment", "Spiritual Hardness"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the biblical story of Moses and the plagues of Egypt. He emphasizes that the river was essential for the livelihood of the nation, but when it turned into blood, it became a symbol of judgment. The preacher mentions that even though the river turned into blood for seven days, Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, as his magicians were able to replicate the plague. The preacher also suggests that the manifestation of Satan may be present in the world today.

Transcript

Now, verse 14, "...And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning, lo he goeth out unto the water, and thou shalt stand by the river's brink, against he come, and the rod which was turned to a serpent, or to a crocodile, shalt thou take in thine hand, and thou shalt say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness. And behold, hitherto thou wouldst not hear.

Thus saith the Lord, in this thou shalt know that I am the Lord. Behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood, and the fish that's in the river shall die, and the river shall stink, and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying unto Aaron, Take thy rod, stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, upon their ponds, upon their pools of water.

And there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, vessels of stone." Now, this is what they did. Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded. He lifted up his rod and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, in the sight of the servants, and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

This is a blow again at the worship in Egypt, as we have indicated before, that this is called the first plague, by the way. The first miracle was the rod, of course. But here you have the Nile now turned to blood.

And this river was sacred to Osiris. But that doesn't exhaust it all. Actually, the god of the Nile was Hapi, H-A-P-I.

And the Egyptians depicted him in the form of a man with the breasts of a woman, which indicated that the God's powers of fertility and nourishment were there, you see. And there was a hymn that they sang in the temple of that day to Hapi. And it went something like this, "...Thou waterest the fields which Ra created.

Thou art the bringer of food, the creator of all things. Thou fillest the storehouses. Thou hast care for the poor and needy." You see that the river was the lifeblood of the nation.

But it had to be water to be lifeblood. Now it's blood, and it becomes death to them. And this is definitely, you see, judgment.

Now, here's the amazing thing, friends, verse 22, "...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. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

And all the Egyptians digged around about the river for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the river. And seven days were fulfilled after that the Lord had smitten the rivers." This plague lasted for seven days, and yet Pharaoh's not convinced because his own magicians were able to duplicate this. Don't ask me how they did it.

I don't know. It's satanic, if you please. And I'm of the opinion we're beginning to see the manifestation of Satan again in our midst.

We'll have occasion to talk about that later.

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