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A Bloody Mess Exodus 7:14-25 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

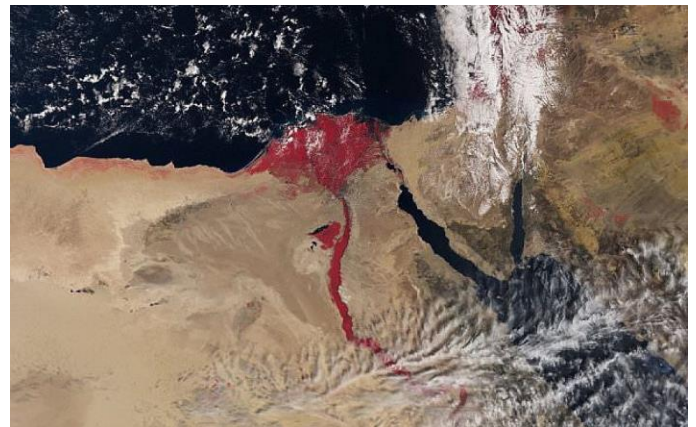
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the end of Exodus Chapter 7. God sends Moses and Aaron back to Pharaoh to demand that the Hebrews are let go. Moses has already been told that Pharaoh's heart will be hardened and that he will not listen. They are instructed to strike the water with the staff and turn it to blood. All of the water is turned to blood including the water that has been stored in vessels. Pharaoh's magicians come and are also able to turn some water to blood. Pharaoh is not impressed with the miraculous works and ignores God's demand. Join us this week as we talk about the miraculous work of God and the hardened heart of Pharaoh.



Water Is Turned to Blood

14Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is stubborn; he refuses to let the people go. 15Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he is going out to the water, and station yourself to meet him on the bank of the Nile; and you shall take in your hand the staff that was turned into a serpent. 16You shall say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened until now.” 17Thus says the LORD, “By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and it will be turned to blood. 18The fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will become foul, and the Egyptians will find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile.” ’ ” 19Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there will be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of wood* and in *vessels of stone.*’ ”

20So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water that *was* in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and all the water that *was* in the Nile was turned to blood. 21The fish that *were* in the Nile died, and the Nile became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood was through all the land of Egypt. 22But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said. 23Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house with no concern even for this. 24So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the Nile. 25Seven days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. Do you think Moses expected Pharaoh to let the people go after turning the water to blood?
2. Why do you think God chose to turn the water to blood?
3. How did the magicians duplicate turning water to blood? Was it the same as what Moses did?
4. What impact did the bloody water have on Pharaoh? Why?
5. Do you think the Egyptians that had to dig for water blamed Moses or Pharaoh? Why?
6. Why do you think God waited 7 days to follow up with Pharaoh after turning the Nile to blood?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

7. Do you think Moses ever wondered if Pharaoh would ever let the people go? When was it hard for him to continue in faith? When is it hard for us to continue in faith?
8. Do you think the Hebrew's worried about Moses provoking Pharaoh even more? What would give them confidence that it would work? What gives you confidence in your faith when you fear the worst may be yet to come?
9. What do you think is the main idea of this passage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes