

# Water Turned To Blood

Exodus 7

Faith Portal Church

**ADULT**

Unit 10 Lesson 6

## Supplemental Texts

Exo 6

### Focus Verse

“And he lifted up the rod, and smote 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.” – Exodus 7:20

### Introduction

God’s response to Moses would have been reassuring to him as he talked to God regarding the Israelites with a heavy heart. However, the Israelites would not listen to what Moses had to say because their spirit and emotions had been severely hurt by the insufferable bondage (Exo 6:9). Despite their predicament, God’s mercy and grace extended to them immensely.

## Deeper Look

### **I Will Harden Pharaoh’s Heart – Exo 7:1-13**

God told Moses that He had made him His ambassador to Pharaoh, with power to fulfill His judgments in Egypt. And God made Aaron Moses’ spokesperson to disclose what God had told Moses to Pharaoh. God hardening Pharaoh’s heart means that God would leave him in his sin of obstinacy to do the evil he had chosen to do that God might increase His judgments upon Egypt (Rom 1:24,28). From the text, we see that God can use anyone, no matter what the age is, and He does not have to follow birth order (v. 7). Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh as God had ordered them, and Aaron threw his staff in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a serpent. The Hebrew word used for serpent here refers to great serpent or dragon (Psa 74:13; Eze 29:3). The magicians of Pharaoh did the same thing, but Aaron staff swallowed up their staffs to prove that they had a divine commission by God Almighty. Notwithstanding, Pharaoh hardened his heart.

### **And They Shall Be Turned To Blood – Exo 7:14-25**

Though Pharaoh hardened his heart, God yet sent Moses to warn him of a pending plague upon Egypt. Moses warned Pharaoh that Nile River and all water would be turned to blood, and there would be a dire outcome. If Pharaoh knew the God of Israel, he would have let His people go. Nile was virtually worshipped as a god by the Egyptians, yet it could not save itself from the hand of the God of Israel (v. 17). What a shame, the magicians had the power to turn fresh water into blood but not able to cleanse the water. And what did Pharaoh do? He hardened his heart!

## Questions

1. What does it mean when God said Moses would be as God to Aaron (Exo 4:16) and Pharaoh (Exo 7:1)? What could be tempting to function in the God-given roles of Moses and Aaron?
2. What are the signs and wonders God referred to in verse 3? Why would the people of Egypt experience these signs and wonders when it was Pharaoh calling the shots? What was the purpose of the signs and wonders?
3. What encouragement could you get from the mention of Moses and Aaron's ages? List two persons you know that are within 80 and 85 years old, and judge if these persons could undertake the same roles as Moses and Aaron. Explain.
4. Why would Pharaoh be interested to see a miracle from Moses and Aaron? What did Pharaoh intend to prove when he asked his magicians to replicate the miracle? How was God glorified among the Egyptians?
5. Given that the Nile River was considered a god, what grave concern should be on the heart of Pharaoh when he heard pending judgment upon Egypt?
6. Mention the many ways the Egyptians would suffer when the waters were turned to blood. Point out the foolishness of Pharaoh when he saw waters turned into blood.
7. What good does stubbornness offer anyone? What would you have expected from Pharaoh and his officer a few days into this judgment? Why?

# Personal Meditation

Do you know how old Moses and Aaron were when God sent them to Pharaoh? Moses and Aaron were 80 and 83 years old, respectively. Is that not something to ponder about? Definitely, He can use you, no matter your age! But will you be available to God? To be used of God, there must be a desire to obey Him at all costs (vv. 6,10,20). It was impressive that Moses fully let go of his staff after God had engaged it in the workings of miracles (Exo 4:2,20; 7:9). What do you own that God is interested in using? Have you surrendered it? You will experience greater fulfillment when you let it go. After all, it belongs to God. Never feel for a second that you are helping God with whatever it is that you let go for His purpose.

As God displayed His power by turning the staff into a serpent, Pharaoh thought he could compete with God. He called his magicians, and they turned their staffs into serpents, too. What was incredible however is Aaron's staff swallowed the staffs of Pharaoh's magicians. What is the lesson here? No other powers can compete nor match the power of God. God is AWESOME!

## DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 7:1-4
Tuesday	Exo 7:5-7
Wednesday	Exo 7:8-13
Thursday	Exo 7:14-18
Friday	Exo 7:19-21
Saturday	Exo 7:22-25



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