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## Exodus 7.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

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### Topics.

- The LORD makes Moses like God to Pharaoh and Aaron his prophet.
- Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and it becomes a serpent.
- The sorcerers of Egypt cast down their staff and they became serpents.
- Aaron's staff swallowed up the sorcerers and magicians staffs.
- Pharaoh's heart is hardened, and he does not listen to Moses and Aaron.
- Aaron strikes the Nile with Moses staff and the water turns to blood.
- Pharaoh's heart remains hardened and he refuses to listen to Moses.
- Seven days pass after the LORD struck the Nile.

**INTRODUCTION:** in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin.

Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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### Moses is made like God.

The LORD said to Moses that he has made him like God to Pharaoh and that Moses brother Aaron would be Moses prophet. Moses was to speak all that the LORD commanded him and his brother Aaron was to tell it to Pharaoh.

### Pharaoh's Heart is Hardened.

The LORD said He will harden Pharaoh's heart and even though the LORD will multiply his signs Pharaoh would still not listen to Moses, therefore He will lay his hand on Egypt and bring His people the children of Israel, out by great acts of judgment. Then when He brings the people of Israel out from among them the Egyptians will know that He is the LORD. Moses was eighty years and Aaron eighty three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

### Staffs turn to Snakes.

Moses tells Aaron to cast down his staff (Aaron's staff) before Pharaoh, Aaron does and it became a serpent, so Pharaoh summoned the wise men, the sorcerers and the magicians of Egypt and each man cast down his staff and they became serpents, but Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs and still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

## 1. The First Plague turns Water to Blood.

The LORD tells Moses that Pharaoh's heart is hardened he refuses to let the people go, therefore go again to him and take his staff (Aaron's staff that turned into a serpent) and say to Pharaoh, "The LORD, the God of the Hebrews has sent you to say, let the LORD'S people go.

When Pharaoh refuses the LORD tells Moses to take Aaron's staff and stretch his hand over the waters of Egypt and the rivers, the canals, the ponds, all the pools and even the water in the vessels of wood and stone would become blood. Aaron lifted up the staff and struck the Nile River and the water turned into blood, the fish in the Nile died and the Nile stank, there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile.

The magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts, so Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, he would not listen to Moses and Aaron as the LORD had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house and did not even take this to heart even though all the Egyptians had to dig along the Nile for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the Nile. Seven full days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

**COMMENT:** it appears that the sorcerers and magicians of ancient times were permitted by God to perform miraculous acts up until God said he would put a division between the people of Egypt and the people of God. This idea would seem especially true when it is considered that once these sorcerers and magicians realised they could no longer perform such wonders they themselves confessed, "This is the finger of God" (Exod. 8:19) and from the day the LORD established this division between His people and the people of the world concerning miraculous wonders that defy our natural laws of nature (Exod. 8:22-24) we see throughout the Bible prophets of God doing amazing wonders and miracles, whereas there is no record of people of the secular world performing such wonders.

The purpose of these great wonders and miracles of God was so that the people of Egypt and by extension all the world of all generations would know that the LORD is God in the midst of all the earth (Exod. 8:22). There is no doubt that these miraculous signs and wonders and others like them truly separate the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from all other gods people believe in.

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### The LORD Hardened Pharaohs Heart.

Pharaohs pride, arrogance and ego was so against the God of Israel and so against God's people that from his own lust for power, riches and wealth he had them cruelly oppressed and brutally beaten to achieve his own ambitious goals. Pride is the enemy of humbleness, so whoever is full of pride is going to reject God since to acknowledge God a person has to humble themselves before Him, and pride does not want to humble itself before anyone. It could be said that God has designed the laws of human nature in such a way that pride hardens and blinds a person to God's will and to God Himself. With this principal in mind it would be right and proper to say that man hardens his own heart or to say that God hardens his heart. It is because of this principal both the Pharaoh of Egypt and God are spoken of as hardening the heart of the king of Egypt, but if he honestly repented of his evil pride and corrupt arrogance before Moses and before God the LORD would forgive.

For further understanding of the LORD hardening Pharaohs heart, see: -

- The Potter and the Clay.
- Election and God's Sovereign Will.
- In Various topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).