

The First Plague

CHARACTERS: Narrators 1 and 2, Pharaoh, Vizier, Magician, Moses, Aaron

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Exodus 7

NARRATOR 1: As God commanded, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh.

NARRATOR 2: Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a serpent.

PHARAOH: Bring in my wise men and sorcerers—the magicians of Egypt.

NARRATOR 2: They also did the same thing by their occult practices.

MAGICIAN: Each of us can throw his staff, and it becomes a serpent.

VIZIER: Oh my! Aaron's staff has swallowed the magicians' staffs.

PHARAOH: (*stubbornly*) I don't care. I refuse to listen to Moses and Aaron.

NARRATOR 1: The next morning, Moses and Aaron met Pharaoh by the bank of the Nile.

AARON: Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to tell you:

MOSES: Let My people go, so that they may worship God in the wilderness.

AARON: So far, you have not listened.

MOSES: Here is how you will know that Yahweh is God.

AARON: Watch. I will strike the water in the Nile with the staff in my hand, and it will turn to blood.

MOSES: The fish in the Nile will die, the river will stink, and the Egyptians will be unable to drink water from it.

NARRATOR 1: Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded.

NARRATOR 2: Aaron raised the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water was turned to blood.

NARRATOR 1: The fish in the Nile died.

PHARAOH: The Nile stinks. We cannot drink water from it!

VIZIER: Pharaoh! There is blood throughout the land of Egypt, even in wooden and stone containers.

MAGICIAN: No big deal. We can do the same thing.

NARRATOR 1: The magicians of Egypt did the same thing by their occult practices.

NARRATOR 2: So Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

NARRATOR 1: Pharaoh turned around, went into his palace, and didn't even take this to heart.

VIZIER: We must dig around the Nile for water to drink because we cannot not drink the river water.

NARRATOR 2: Seven days passed after the Lord struck the Nile.