

## Exodus 7 SUMMARY

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. Aaron's staff became a snake, then the LORD turned the Nile to blood, but Pharaoh wouldn't listen.

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## Exodus 7 NKJV OUTLINE

[Ex 7:1-6.](#) Moses and Aaron are encouraged to go again to Pharaoh.

[Ex 7:7.](#) Their age.

[Ex 7:8-10.](#) Aaron's rod is turned into a serpent.

[Ex 7:11-12.](#) The sorcerers do the like; but their rods are swallowed up by Aaron's.

[Ex 7:13.](#) Pharaoh's heart is hardened.

[Ex 7:14-18.](#) God's message to Pharaoh.

[Ex 7:19-25.](#) The river is turned into blood; and the consequent distress of the Egyptians.

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- I. The Prophet (7:1-2)
- II. The Power (7:3-7)
- III. The Preliminaries (7:8-13)
- IV. The Plagues (7:14-10:29; 11:1,4-10).
  - a. Blood (7:14-25).

## Exodus 7 NKJV TEXT

### Moses Before Pharaoh

1 So the LORD said to Moses: “See, **I have made you as God to Pharaoh**, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. 2 You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land. 3 And **I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.** 4 But Pharaoh will not

heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when **I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.**”

6 Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as the LORD commanded them, so they did. 7 And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

### **Aaron’s Miraculous Rod**

8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 9 “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Show a miracle for yourselves,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.’ ” 10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And **Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.**

11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s **rod swallowed up their rods.** 13 **And Pharaoh’s heart grew hard,** and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

### **The First of 10 Plagues: Waters Become Blood**

14 So the LORD said to Moses: “**Pharaoh’s heart is hard;** he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river’s bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. 16 And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear! 17 Thus says the LORD: “By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, **I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.** 18 And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river.” ’ ”

19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.’ ” 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck 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. 21 The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and **Pharaoh’s heart grew hard,** and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. 23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this. 24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. 25 And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

## **OBSERVATIONS:**

### **The Lord gives instructions with an explanation of how things will happen:**

1. God has made Moses “as God to Pharaoh” (7:1a)
2. Aaron shall “be your [Moses’s] prophet. (7:1b)
3. Moses is to speak all that God commands (7:2a)
4. Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to send the COI out of his land (7:2b)
5. God will:
  - a. “**harden Pharaoh’s heart**” (7:3a) *this is the purpose of the plagues*
    1. This means that Pharaoh, “will not heed you” (7:4)
    2. This will result in “great judgments” (7:4b)
  - b. “multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt” (7:3b)
    1. Notice that God said he will, “lay My hand on Egypt” (7:4a)
    2. Notice also that God calls the children of Israel: (7:4b)
      - a. “My armies”
      - b. “My people”
    3. This will cause Egypt to know that God is “the LORD” (7:5a)
      - a. when “I stretch out My hand on Egypt” (7:5b)
      - b. and “bring out the children of Israel from among them.” (7:5b).
6. You will notice the age of Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh. (7:6)
  - a. Moses was eighty years old
  - b. Aaron eighty-three years old

### **Facts about Aaron’s Miraculous Rod**

1. Aaron’s rod becomes a serpent when he casts it before Pharaoh (7:10)
2. Pharaoh calls his wise men and the sorcerers; the magicians of Egypt, they threw down their rods, and they became serpents. (7:11-12)
3. Note that “Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods” (7:12)

4. As planned, **Pharaoh's heart grew hard** (7:13).

### **The First Plague: Waters Become Blood**

1. Moses is to go to Pharaoh, take Aaron's rod and strike the waters and they shall be turned to blood (7:17-18)
  - a. Note that we assume that striking the Nile causes all the waters of Egypt to be affected. It is hard to imagine that Moses had Aaron go to each individual body of water to strike it.
    1. over their streams.
    2. over their rivers.
    3. over their ponds.
    4. over all their pools of water.
      - a. The result would be: "there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt" (19)
      - b. both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone. (19)
  - b. The fish that are in the river shall die,
  - c. The river shall stink.
  - d. The Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river.
2. Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments. (22)
  - a. **Pharaoh's heart grew hard**,
  - b. he did not heed them.
  - c. Pharaoh turned and went into his house (23a)
  - d. Neither was his heart moved by this (23b).
3. All the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink
  - a. seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.
  - b. This indicates how long the plague lasted and indicated that Egypt went a week without water. Perhaps they had other things they could drink.