

Plague of Blood

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Dear Diary,

Wow! I can't believe what is happening! There is blood everywhere, just as Moshe predicted. Real, smelly, thick blood not just red colored water. Moshe and Aharon were so brave these last three weeks! Everyone in Mitzrayim knows, you are not allowed to leave your house before 8:00 am. No one knew the reason. Well, now we do! Pharaoh wanted everyone to believe that he is a god and therefore, doesn't need to use the bathroom. Early in the morning when everyone is inside, he goes to his Nile River, which he claims he created, and uses the bathroom without anyone seeing. For the last three weeks, Moshe and Aharon went every morning to the river when Pharaoh was there and gave him a warning about a plague of blood coming. They told him that since he made us work so hard, and didn't listen to Hashem's request to let us go serve him for 3 days in the desert, he will be punished. All the water in Mitzrayim will turn into blood. The Egyptians will not have any water to drink. Pharaoh didn't listen to the warning and look what happened!

This morning, every body of water in Mitzrayim, suddenly turned into disgusting blood! The entire Nile River is a body of blood. All the fish and sea animals died, and the smell is terrible. All the food in Egyptian houses is ruined! Any food that contained any water, even if it was cooked, got blood in it. The water inside all trees turned to blood and the trees are oozing out blood. The beams in their houses are leaking blood. The fruit they squeeze and try to eat is full of blood! All the Egyptian idols have blood all over them! Mitzrayim is like a big pool of blood!

The Egyptians can't eat or drink anything. Today, after I came home from working in the field, Khamudi came to our house. He said he heard that we have water and he needs some now. Of course, we gave him a cup, as he demanded. As he began drinking, the water he drank turned to blood. When I took the cup back from him, I got water. Desperate, he decided that we should try sharing the cup of water while drinking with 2 separate straws. However, that too failed. I got water and he got blood! I then told him to pay me 100 silver coins for a cup of water. He bargained me down to "only" 50

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coins but when he picked up the cup it immediately turned into blood. With no other choice, he reluctantly agreed to pay the enormous sum I asked for. Then he was finally able to drink water.

With Bnei Yisrael in charge of the price of water, I'm assuming the price is going to skyrocket over the next couple of days! Hopefully, we will make loads of money before this plague is over!

Some Egyptians began digging in their fields to find water underground. After much digging, they found some water and were able to drink the water. However, it was very difficult to find the water.

Seeing the blood all over Mitzrayim reminded me of all the blood of the Jews, that the evil Egyptians spilled over the many years. They threw our children into the Nile River many years ago. And more recently, Pharaoh bathed in the blood of freshly slaughtered Jewish children to cure himself from his leprosy. It could be that they are getting paid back for what they did to us!

Khamudi mentioned, that rumor has it, that Pharaoh is not affected by this plague. Maybe it's because he took care of Moshe when he was growing up in the palace. But it's interesting to note, that the Nile River was affected! Isn't the Nile River their god!? Probably, Hashem is showing them who is really the G-d of the world. Pharaoh claimed he didn't know who Hashem is. Well, I'm sure he is now starting to realize.

People are saying that the magicians tried to copy this plague but were only able to make water look like blood. Only Hashem can turn water into blood. The poor Egyptians are just going to have to suffer through this plague. I heard it is going to last for 7 days, but it's probably going to take the smelly river a long time after that to get back to normal again.

I've got to go to bed now since I must show up to work tomorrow. Even though there is so much to write, I will have to stop now. I hope we will be able to stop working soon! I heard there are another nine more plagues coming! Let's see what happens!

Sincerely yours,

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