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# Isaiah 51

**9 Awake, awake, put on strength,  
O arm of the LORD.**

**Wake up as in days past,  
as in generations of old.**

**Was it not You who cut **Rahab** to pieces,  
who pierced through the **dragon**?**

**10 Was it not You who dried up the sea,  
the waters of the great deep,  
who made a road in the depths of the sea for  
the redeemed to cross over?**



## **Psalm 74**

**12 Yet God is my King from ancient times,  
working salvation on the earth.**

**13 You divided the sea by Your strength;  
You smashed the heads of the dragons of the  
sea;**

## Ezekiel 32

2“Son of man, take up a lament for Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him:

‘You are like a lion among the nations;  
you are like a **monster** in the seas.

You thrash about in your rivers,  
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**14 Then the LORD said to Moses,**

**“Pharaoh’s heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go.**

**15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as you see him walking out to the water.**

**Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake.**

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**16 Then say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to tell you: Let My people go, so that they may worship [serve] Me in the wilderness. But you have not listened until now.**

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**17 This is what the LORD says:**

**By this you will know that I am the LORD.**

**Behold, with the staff in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will turn to blood.**

**18 The fish in the Nile will die, the river will stink, and the Egyptians will be unable to drink its water.””**

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**19 And the LORD said to Moses,  
“Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out  
your hand over the waters of Egypt  
—over their rivers and canals and ponds  
and reservoirs—that they may become  
blood.’**

**There will be blood throughout the land of  
Egypt, even in the vessels of wood and  
stone.”**

## **Exodus 7**

**20 Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded;**

**in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials,  
Aaron raised the staff and struck the water of  
the Nile, and all the water was turned to blood.**

**21 The fish in the Nile died, and the river  
smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not  
drink its water.**

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**22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same things by their magic arts.**

**So Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.**

**23 Instead, Pharaoh turned around, went into his palace, and did not take any of this to heart.**

## **Exodus 7**

**24 So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, because they could not drink the water from the river.**

**25 And seven full days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.**

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## **Revelation 6**

**9 And when the Lamb opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony they had upheld.**

**10 And they cried out in a loud voice, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You avenge our blood and judge those who dwell upon the earth?"**

**11 Then each of them was given a white robe and told to rest a little while longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers, were killed, just as they had been killed.**

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**17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil.**

**Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody.**

**18 If it is possible on your part, live at peace with everyone.**

**19 Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but leave room for God's wrath.**

**For it is written: "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord." [Deuteronomy 32:35]**

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**20 On the contrary,**

**“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.**

**For in so doing, you will heap burning coals on  
his head.”** [Proverbs 25:21–22]

**21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome  
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**12 On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn male, both man and beast, and I will execute judgment against all the **gods** of Egypt. I am the LORD.**

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### **Revelation 16**

**3 And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it turned to blood like that of the dead, and every living thing in the sea died.**

**4 And the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they turned to blood.**

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**5 And I heard the angel of the waters say:**

**“Righteous are You, O Holy One, who is and was,**

**because You have brought these judgments.**

**6 For they have spilled the blood of saints and prophets,**

**and You have given them blood to drink, as they deserve.”**

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**13 When you were dead in your trespasses  
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**14 having canceled the debt ascribed to us  
in the decrees that stood against us.**

**He took it away, nailing it to the cross!**

**15 And having disarmed the powers and  
authorities, He made a public spectacle of  
them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

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