

Exodus 10:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:

Analysis

Verse 1 describes the locust plague, targeting Osiris (agriculture god) and Isis (grain goddess). Moses warns locusts will 'cover the face of the earth' and devour everything the hail left. Pharaoh's servants beg him to relent, recognizing Egypt's destruction.

Historical Context

Osiris ruled agriculture and resurrection, while Isis protected crops. Locusts were ancient Near Eastern terror, but this swarm's density exceeded natural plague. The total devastation left Egypt economically ruined.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God demonstrate His power through natural means taken to supernatural extremes?
2. What does Pharaoh's servants' fear teach about recognizing God's hand in judgment?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	בֹּא	אֶל	פַּרְעֹה	כִּי
said	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	Go	H413	in unto Pharaoh	H3588
H559	H3068		H4872	H935		H6547	
אֲנִי	הִכְבֵּדְתִּי	אֶת	לִבִּי	וְאֶת	לִב		
H589	for I have hardened	H853	and the heart	H853	and the heart		
	H3513		H3820		H3820		
עֲבָדָיו	לִפְנֵי	שֵׁנִי	אֵתֵנִי	אֵלָיו	בְּקִרְבּוֹ		
of his servants	H4616	that I might shew	these my signs	H428	before		
H5650		H7896	H226		H7130		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 4:21 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

Exodus 3:20 (Parallel theme): And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

Romans 9:17 (Parallel theme): For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

