

Exodus 10:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

Analysis

Verse 15 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

וַיַּכְלֵס	אֶת	עַל	כָּל	אֶצְבָּע	וַיַּתְחַדֵּשׁ	אֶצְבָּע	אֶת	עַל	כָּל	אֶצְבָּע	וַיַּאֲכַל
For they covered	H853	the face	H3605	of the land	was darkened	of the land					
	H3680		H5869		H776						H776
and they did eat	H853	H3605	every herb	of the land	H853	H3605	and all the fruit				H6529
	H398		H6212		H776						
בְּעֵץ	רָאשָׁה	רָאשָׁה	נָזְתָּר	הַבָּרָד	וְלֹא	נָזְתָּר					
in the trees	H834	and there remained	H3498	which the hail	H3808	and there remained					
	H6086			H1259		H3498					
כָּל	בְּכָל	בְּכָל	וְכָל	בְּכָל	וְכָל	בְּכָל	אֶצְבָּע				
H3605	not any green thing	H3418	H6086	H6212	H7704	H3605	of the land				
מִצְרַיִם											
of Egypt											
	H4714										

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 10:5 (Parallel theme): And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

