

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

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וַיֹּאכְלוּ and they did eat H398	אֶת H853	כָּל H3605	וְרֵעַ שֶׁב every herb H6212	אֶרֶץ of the land H776	וְאֵת H853	כָּל H3605	פְּרִי and all the fruit H6529
בָּעֵץ in the trees H6086	אֲשֶׁר H834	נֹתָר and there remained H3498	הַבָּכָד which the hail H1259	וְלֹא H3808	נֹתָר and there remained H3498		
כָּל H3605	לֹא not any green thing H3418	בָּעֵץ in the trees H6086	וְרֵעַ שֶׁב every herb H6212	הַשָּׂדֶה of the field H7704	בְּכָל H3605	אֶרֶץ of the land H776	
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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:

