

Exodus 10:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

Analysis

Verse 17 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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וְעַתָּה	שָׁא	נָא	חַטָּאתִי	אֶנִּי	הַפֶּעַם	
H6258	Now therefore forgive	H4994	I pray thee my sin	H389	only this once	
	H5375		H2403		H6471	
וְהִעֲתָ יְרֹ	לַיהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	וְיָסֵר	מֵעָלַי	כִּי	אֶת
and intreat	the LORD	your God	that he may take away	H5921	H7535	H853
H6279	H3068	H430	H5493			
הַמָּוֶת	הַזֶּה:					
from me this death	H2088					
H4194						

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 8:8 (References Lord): Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

Exodus 9:28 (References Lord): Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

1 Kings 13:6 (Prayer): And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.