

# Exodus 10:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

## Analysis

Verse 21 introduces the plague of darkness, directly targeting Ra, Egypt's supreme sun god. Darkness covered Egypt for three days—'darkness which may be felt' (v.21)—while Israel had light in Goshen. This penultimate plague strikes at Egypt's chief deity.

## Historical Context

Ra, the sun god, was Pharaoh's divine father and Egypt's supreme deity. His daily journey across sky sustained cosmic order (ma'at). Three days of darkness demonstrated Ra's impotence and YHWH's absolute supremacy over Egypt's highest god.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

1. How does this plague reveal the ultimate showdown between YHWH and Egypt's gods?

2. What does the light in Goshen symbolize about God's people?

## Interlinear Text

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עַל	יִדְךָ	נָתַתָּה	מֵשֶׁה	אֶל	יְהוָה	יָיִן	אָמַר
<b>said</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>		<b>unto Moses</b>		<b>Stretch out</b>	<b>thine hand</b>	
H559	H3068	H413	H4872		H5186		H5921
<b>toward heaven</b>		H1961	<b>even darkness</b>	H5921	<b>over the land</b>	<b>of Egypt</b>	
H8064			H2822		H776		H4714
שָׁמֶן	חֹשֶׁךְ	עַל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	מִצְחָה	מִצְחָה
<b>which may be felt</b>	<b>even darkness</b>						
H4959	H2822						

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Peter 2:4** (Darkness): For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

**2 Peter 2:17** (Darkness): These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

**Luke 23:44** (Darkness): And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

**Jude 1:6** (Darkness): And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

**Psalms 105:28** (Darkness): He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

**Proverbs 4:19** (Darkness): The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

**Mark 15:33** (Darkness): And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

**Exodus 9:22** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

**Matthew 27:45** (Darkness): Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

**Deuteronomy 28:29** (Darkness): And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

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