

# Exodus 10:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

## Analysis

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Verse 24 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

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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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וְקָרָא אֶת	פַּרְעֹה וְ	אֵל	מֹשֶׁה הַ	וַיֹּאמֶר	לָכֹךְ	עֲבַד וְ	אֶת
called	And Pharaoh	H413	unto Moses	and said	H1980	ye serve	H853
H7121	H6547		H4872	H559		H5647	
יְהוָה הַ	כִּי	צִאֲנֶךָ	וּבְקִרְכֶךָ	יֵצֵא גֵ	גַּם		
the LORD	H7535	only let your flocks	and your herds	be stayed	H1571		
H3068		H6629	H1241	H3322			
טַפְּכָם	עִמָּכֶם:	יְלִי לְ					
let your little ones	H1980	H5973					
H2945							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 8:28** (References Lord): And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

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