

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

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

הָיָה	וְיִתְהַלֵּךְ	וְיִתְהַלֵּךְ	וְיִתְהַלֵּךְ	וְיִתְהַלֵּךְ	וְיִתְהַלֵּךְ	וְיִתְהַלֵּךְ
the LORD	H7535	only let your flocks	and your herds	be stayed		H1571
H3068		H6629	H1241	H3322		

עֲמָכִים:	אֵל הַ	טְפַכְּה	טְפַכְּה
let your little ones	H1980	H2945	H5973

Additional Cross-References

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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