

Exodus 10:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

Analysis

Verse 25 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

אָמַר	וַיֹּאמֶר	מֹשֶׁה	הָאֵלֹהִים	גַּם	אֶתְּ	הָאֵלֹהִים	תִּתֶּן	לָנוּ	בְּיָדְךָ	יְהוָה	זֶבַח
said	And	Moses					Thou must give	us			also sacrifices
H559		H4872		H1571		H859	H5414	H3027			H2077
		וְעֹלֹת	וְעֹשֶׂה	יְהוָה	לְיָדְךָ	וְעֹשֶׂה	יְהוָה	לְיָדְךָ	וְעֹשֶׂה	יְהוָה	לְיָדְךָ
		and burnt offerings	that we may sacrifice	unto the LORD	our God						
		H5930	H6213	H3068	H430						

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 16:9 (Sacrifice): And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

Leviticus 9:22 (Sacrifice): And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.