

Exodus 10:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Analysis

Verse 26 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וְגַם	מִקְנֵי בָרְ	לֹא	עָמְ	נוּ	יֵלֵךְ	תִּשָּׁאֵר
H1571	Our cattle	H1980	H5973	H3808		be left behind
	H4735					H7604
	פָּרָס הַ	מִמֶּנּוּ	כִּי	נִקֵּחַ		
	with us there shall not an hoof	H3588	H4480	for thereof must we take		
	H6541			H3947		
	נִעֲבֹד	אֶת	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	לֹא	
	not with what we must serve	H853	the LORD	our God	H587	H3808
	H5647		H3068	H430		
	וְנֵדָע	מָה	נִעֲבֹד	אֶת	יְהוָה	עַד
	and we know	H4100	not with what we must serve	H853	the LORD	H5704
	H3045		H5647		H3068	
	בֹּא נֹ	שָׁמָּה:				
	until we come	H8033				
	H935					

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