

# 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

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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

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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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 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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תִשְׁאַר לֹא עַפְתָּנוּ יְלֹת מִלְּבָד כִּי יְגַם  
be left behind  
Our cattle      be left behind      be left behind      be left behind

פָּרַס הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי מִלְּבָד כִּי  
for thereof must we take  
with us there shall not an hoof      for thereof must we take

לֹא תַּאֲנִי חָנָן אֱלֹהִים יְהִי הָאָתָּה  
not with what we must serve      the LORD      our God      be left behind

לֹא יְהִי הָאָתָּה אֱלֹהִים יְהִי הָאָתָּה  
the LORD      our God      be left behind      be left behind

שָׁמְמָה: בָּא נָא  
until we come      be left behind

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