

Exodus 10:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

Analysis

Verse 28 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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

וַיֹּאמֶר	ל	ו	פַּרְעֹה	ה	לֵךְ	מֵעַל יָדִי	הַשָּׁמֶר	לְךָ	אֶל
said		H0	And Pharaoh		H1980	H5921	thee from me take heed	H0	H408
H559			H6547				H8104		

תִּסָּף	רְאִיתְךָ	פָּנַי	כִּי	בֵּי יוֹם	רְאִיתְךָ	פָּנַי
no more	thou seest	my face	H3588	for in that day	thou seest	my face
H3254	H7200	H6440		H3117	H7200	H6440

תָּמוּת:

thou shalt die
H4191