

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

אֶל לֹא הַשְׁמֵר מְעַל הַלְּכָה לְרַבְעָה
said H0 And Pharaoh H1980 H5921 thee from me take heed H0 H408
H559 H6547 H8104

פָנִים רָאָתָךְ תְּסַרְפֶּר כִּי גַם בַּיּוֹם
no more thou seest my face H3588 for in that day thou seest my face H6440
H3254 H7200 H6440 H3117 H7200 H6440

תְּמִימּוֹת:

thou shalt die

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