

Exodus 10:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

Analysis

Verse 9 describes the locust plague, targeting Osiris (agriculture god) and Isis (grain goddess). Moses warns locusts will 'cover the face of the earth' and devour everything the hail left. Pharaoh's servants beg him to relent, recognizing Egypt's destruction.

Historical Context

Osiris ruled agriculture and resurrection, while Isis protected crops. Locusts were ancient Near Eastern terror, but this swarm's density exceeded natural plague. The total devastation left Egypt economically ruined.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God demonstrate His power through natural means taken to supernatural extremes?
2. What does Pharaoh's servants' fear teach about recognizing God's hand in judgment?

Interlinear Text

בָּבָגָן	נֵלֶת	וְבָזָקָנָגָן	יְנֵוּ	בְּנֵעֶלֶר	יְנֵוּ	מֵשֶׁה	וְיְאַמְּרָה
said	And Moses	with our young	and with our old	H1980		with our sons	
H559	H4872	H5288	H2205			H1121	

גַּל־הַיּוֹם וְבָנֹת־נוּ
 and with our daughters with our flocks and with our herds H1980 H3588
 H1323 H6629 H1241

לְכָה:	הִתְהִנֵּה:	מִגְּדָּל:
for we must hold a feast	unto the LORD	H0
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:18 (References Lord): And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

Exodus 5:1 (References Lord): And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

Proverbs 3:9 (References Lord): Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Ephesians 6:4 (References Lord): And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (Parallel theme): Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Exodus 5:3 (References Lord): And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

Exodus 13:6 (References Lord): Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.

Genesis 50:8 (Parallel theme): And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

Joshua 24:15 (References Lord): And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Numbers 29:12 (References Lord): And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: