

Exodus 11:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

Analysis

Verse 4 describes Moses's final warning about midnight judgment. God Himself will pass through Egypt, striking every firstborn from Pharaoh's throne to the prisoner in the dungeon, and even livestock firstborn. This universal judgment spares none, revealing sin's comprehensive curse.

Historical Context

The midnight hour emphasizes God's sovereign timing and judgment coming in darkness. The scope—from royal palace to prison to barn—demonstrates no earthly status protects from divine judgment. Only the Passover blood will shield.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the universality of this judgment foreshadow universal human sinfulness?
2. What does the need for blood protection teach about the coming gospel?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	וּמֹשֶׁה	כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	בְּחֹצֵת	הַלַּיְלָה
Thus saith	And Moses	H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	H2676	About midnight
H559	H4872		H559	H3068		H3915
אֲנִי	יֹצֵא	בֵּית וְ	מִצְרַיִם:			
H589	will I go out	into the midst	of Egypt			
	H3318	H8432	H4714			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:29 (References Lord): And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

Psalms 60:10 (Parallel theme): Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?

Job 34:20 (Parallel theme): In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

Exodus 12:12 (References Lord): For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Amos 4:10 (References Lord): I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 42:13 (References Lord): The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

Exodus 12:23 (References Lord): For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts,

the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

Matthew 25:6 (Parallel theme): And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Amos 5:17 (References Lord): And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

2 Samuel 5:24 (References Lord): And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.