

Exodus 12:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

Analysis

Pharaoh's rising 'in the night' shows the immediacy and universality of disaster—he could not wait for morning. 'All his servants, and all the Egyptians' includes everyone; 'there was not a house where there was not one dead' indicates comprehensive judgment touched every dwelling. The 'great cry in Egypt' contrasts sharply with Israel's silent protection. This vindicates God's word and breaks Egypt's resistance.

Historical Context

This cry of mourning fulfilled Moses' prophecy (Exodus 11:6). Egyptian grief would have been intense and public, with professional mourners and elaborate funeral customs.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Egypt's 'great cry' contrast with the silence in blood-marked Israelite homes demonstrate salvation's dividing line?
2. What does universal Egyptian loss teach about the inescapability of divine judgment when it finally comes?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּקָּם	פַּרְעֹה ה	לַיְלָה	וּא	וְכָל	עַבְדָּיו	וְכָל
rose up	And Pharaoh	in the night	H1931	H3605	he and all his servants	H3605
H6965	H6547	H3915			H5650	
וְכָל	בְּמִצְרַיִם	וְהָיָה	צֶעֱקָה	גְּדֹלָה	וְכָל	בְּמִצְרַיִם
	and all the Egyptians	H1961	cry	and there was a great	and all the Egyptians	
	H4714		H6818	H1419	H4714	
כִּי	אֵין	בַּיִת	אֵשׁ	אֵין	שָׁם	
H3588	H369	for there was not a house	H834	H369	H8033	
		H1004				
	מָתָּה					
	where there was not one dead					
	H4191					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 11:6 (References Egypt): And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

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