

Exodus 8:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

Analysis

Verse 22 describes the plague of flies (עֲרוֹב, arov—swarms), with crucial distinction: Goshen is protected. God says 'I will sever... the land of Goshen' (v.22), demonstrating selective judgment. This plague may target Khepri, scarab beetle god representing resurrection and transformation.

Historical Context

Khepri, the scarab-headed god, symbolized the rising sun and transformation. The distinction between Egypt and Goshen shows this is not natural disaster but divine judgment. God's protection of His people proves His sovereignty.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 – All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's protection of His people encourage you in judgment?

2. What does the Egypt-Goshen distinction teach about being 'in the world but not of it'?

Interlinear Text

וְהַפְלִיתִי	וּמְבֵיאָתִי	בַּיּוֹם	בַּהֲזַיִן	אַתָּה	הָאָרֶץ	אַתָּה	בְּשָׂנֶן	אַשְׁר	בְּשָׂנֶן
And I will sever	in that day			H1931	H853	of the earth	of Goshen	H834	
H6395	H3117					H776	H1657		
עַמִּי	עַמִּי	דָּבֵר	דָּבֵר	לֹא	לֹא	לֹא	לֹא	עָרָב	עָרָב
in which my people	dwell			H5921	H1115	of flies shall be		H8033	swarms
H5971	H5975					H1961		H6157	
לֹמַעַן	לֹמַעַן	תִּדְעָן	תִּדְעָן	אָנֹכִי	אָנֹכִי	אָנֹכִי	אָנֹכִי	בְּקָרְבָּן	בְּקָרְבָּן
there to the end	thou mayest know			H3588	H589	that I am the LORD	in the midst	H3068	
H4616	H3045							H7130	
בָּאָרֶץ									
of the earth									
H776									

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 9:4 (References Lord): And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel.

Exodus 10:23 (Parallel theme): They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Malachi 3:18 (Parallel theme): Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Exodus 9:6 (References Lord): And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Ezekiel 30:19 (References Lord): Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Psalms 110:2 (References Lord): The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Exodus 12:13 (Parallel theme): And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:10 (References Lord): And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.

Exodus 7:17 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

Exodus 9:29 (References Lord): And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD'S.