

# Exodus 8:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

## Analysis

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Verse 23 describes the plague of flies (אַרֹב, 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

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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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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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

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וְשַׁמַּתִּי	כִּדֹּת	בֵּין	עַמְּךָ	וּבֵין	עַמְּךָ	לִמָּחָר
And I will put	a division	H996	and thy people	H996	and thy people	to morrow
H7760	H6304		H5971		H5971	H4279
יְהִי הַ	קֵלֶּךָ	הַזֶּה:				
H1961	shall this sign	H2088				
	H226					

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