

# 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 (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

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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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לְמַחַר עַת יְשַׁמְתִּי פְּנֵי תְּבִרֵךְ עַת בְּיַמִּים  
And I will put a division and thy people and thy people to morrow  
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בְּזַהֲהַ בְּאַת יְהִי הַ  
shall this sign H226 H1961 H2088

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