

Exodus 8:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

Analysis

Verse 24 describes the plague of flies (בָּשָׁע, 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

וַיַּעֲשֵׂה	וַיַּהֲיוֹ	וְיָבֹא	וְעַרְבָּה:	וְיָבֹא	וְיָבֹא	וְיָבֹא	וְיָבֹא
did	And the LORD	H3651	so and there came		of the swarm	a grievous	houses
H6213	H3068		H935		H6157	H3515	H1004
of Pharaoh	houses		and into his servants	H3605	and into all the land	and into all the land	of Egypt
H6547	H1004		H5650		H776		H4714
was corrupted	and into all the land		by reason		of the swarm		
H7843	H776		H6440		H6157		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:31 (Parallel theme): He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

Psalms 78:45 (Parallel theme): He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.