

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 (פְּרִי, 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

וַיַּעַשׂ	יְהוָה	כִּן	וַיָּבֹא	הָעָרֹב:	כָּבֵד	וּבֵית
did	And the LORD	H3651	so and there came	of the swarm	a grievous	houses
H6213	H3068		H935	H6157	H3515	H1004
הַפַּרְעֹה	וּבֵית	עַבְדֵי יוֹ	וּבְכָל	הָאָרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם	
of Pharaoh	houses	and into his servants	H3605	and into all the land	of Egypt	
H6547	H1004	H5650		H776	H4714	
תִּשְׁחָת	הָאָרֶץ	מִפְּנֵי	הָעָרֹב:			
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.