

Exodus 8:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

Analysis

Verse 25 describes the plague of flies (אַרְבֵּ, 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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וְקָרָא	פַּרְעֹה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	וְלֵאמֹר	וַיֹּאמֶר	
called	And Pharaoh	for	Moses	and for Aaron	and said	H1980
H7121	H6547	H413	H4872	H175	H559	
וְזָבַח	לְאֱלֹהֶיךָ	בְּאֶרֶץ				
ye sacrifice	to your God	in the land				
H2076	H430	H776				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 8:8 (Sacrifice): Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

Exodus 9:27 (References Moses): And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

Exodus 10:16 (References God): Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

Exodus 12:31 (References Moses): And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.