

Exodus 8:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

Analysis

Verse 26 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

כִּי יֵלֶךְ	לַעֲשׂוֹת	זֶה	נִכּוֹן	לֹא	מֹשֶׁה	וַיֹּאמֶר
H3588	H3651		H3559	H3808	H4872	H559
	so to do		It is not meet		And Moses	said
	H6213					
אֱלֹהֵינוּ	לִיהוָה	ה	נִזְבֵּחַ	ח	מִצֵּרֵי	יָם
H430	H3068		H2076		H4714	
our God	to the LORD		lo shall we sacrifice		of the Egyptians	the abomination
						H8441
לְעֵינֵיהֶם	מִצֵּרֵי	יָם	תּוֹעֵבַת	ח	נִזְבֵּחַ	ה
H5869	H4714		H8441		H2076	H2005
before their eyes	of the Egyptians		the abomination		lo shall we sacrifice	for
					וְיִסְקְלוּ:	אֵל
					H5619	H3808
					and will they not stone	

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 43:32 (References Egypt): And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Genesis 46:34 (References Egypt): That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

