

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 (בָּרֶעֶל, 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 כִּי לֹאשׁ וְתַכְלֵי אָמָר
said And Moses H3808 It is not meet H3559 so to do H3651 H3588
H559 H4872 H2076 H6213

אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה לְיִהְעַת תָּוֹעֵב מִצְבָּה כִּי
the abomination of the Egyptians lo shall we sacrifice to the LORD our God
H8441 H4714 H2076 H3068 H430

לְעַיְנִית מִצְבָּה תָּוֹעֵב תָּזִבְבָּה אֶת
for lo shall we sacrifice H853 the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes
H2005 H2076 H8441 H4714 H5869

לֹא יִסְלַלְנּוּ וְאַתָּה
and will they not stone
H3808 H5619

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.

