

Exodus 8:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

Analysis

Verse 27 describes the plague of flies (אַרֹב, 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by 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

דֶּרֶךְ	שְׁלֹשָׁה	יָמִים	נִלְךָ	בַּמִּדְבָּר	וְזָבַחְנוּ	לַיהוָה
journey	three	days	H1980	into the wilderness	and sacrifice	to the LORD
H1870	H7969	H3117		H4057	H2076	H3068
אֱלֹהֵינוּ	כַּאֲשֶׁר	יֹאמַר	אֱלֹהֵינוּ:			
our God	H834	as he shall command	H413			
H430		H559				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:18 (Sacrifice): And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

Exodus 3:12 (References God): And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.