

Exodus 8:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

Analysis

Verse 28 describes the plague of flies (בָּרָע, 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

אָמַר	יְהוָה	אָנֹכִ	יְהוָה	אָשָׁל	חַ	אָתֶכֶם	מִ	זָבְחַת	אָתֶכֶם	אֲתֶכֶם	זָבְחַת
said	And Pharaoh	H595	I will let you go	H7971	H853	that ye may sacrifice	H2076				
H559	H6547										
לְיְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	בְּמִדְבָּר	כִּי	לֹא	תַּרְחַ	יְהוָה	לֹא	תַּרְחַ	יְהוָה	לֹא	תַּרְחַ
to the LORD	your God	in the wilderness	H7535	far away	H3808	far away	H7368				
H3068	H430	H4057									
בְּעֵדִי	פָּעַת	יְרוֹ	לֹל	כַּת							
intreat	for me										
H1980	H6279	H1157									

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 9:28 (References Lord): Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

1 Kings 13:6 (References God): And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

Acts 8:24 (References Lord): Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

