

# 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

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Verse 28 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

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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

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**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

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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

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וַיֹּאמֶר	פַּרְעֹה	אֶנֶכִּי	אֲשַׁלְּחָה	אֶתְכֶם	וְזִבְחֶתֶם
said	And Pharaoh		I will let you go		that ye may sacrifice
H559	H6547	H595	H7971	H853	H2076
לַיהוָה	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	בַּמִּדְבָּר	בְּקֶדֶם	תָּרַח יִקּוּ	לֹא תָרַח יִקּוּ
to the LORD	your God	in the wilderness		far away	far away
H3068	H430	H4057	H7535	H7368	H3808 H7368
לֵל כָּת	הִעֲתָ יְרוּ	בְעַדִּי			
	intreat	for me			
H1980	H6279	H1157			

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

