

Exodus 8:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

Analysis

Verse 29 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

מַעֲמֹךְ	יֹצֵא	אָנֹכִי	הִנֵּה	מֹשֶׁה	וַיֹּאמֶר
H5973	H3318	H595	H2009	H4872	H559
Behold I go out				And Moses	said
הָעָרֹב	וְסָר	לִיהוָה:	אֶל	וְהִעֲתִירָה י	
H6157	H5493	H3068	H413	H6279	
that the swarms	of flies may depart	the LORD		from thee and I will intreat	
אֶל	בֹּקֶר	הָעָם	מִעַבְדֵי יו	פַּרְעֹה	
H408	H7535	H5971	H5650	H6547	
but	to morrow	and from his people	from his servants	from Pharaoh	
אֶת	שָׁלַח	לְבַלְתִּי	הִתְּל	פַּרְעֹה	יֵסֶף
H853	H7971	H1115	H2048	H6547	H3254
go	in not	deal deceitfully	from Pharaoh	any more	
לִיהוָה:	לִזְבֹּחַ	הָעָם			
H3068	H2076	H5971			
the LORD	to sacrifice	and from his people			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 8:15 (References Lord): But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

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.

