

Exodus 8:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

Analysis

Verse 31 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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through 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

וַיַּעֲשֵׂה יְהוָה כַּאֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה רֹאשׁוֹת מִשְׁנֶה וַיַּסַּר
did And the LORD according to the word of Moses and he removed

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בְּעָרֶב מִפְרָעָה מִעֲבָדָה וְלֹא וְמִעַם־
the swarms of flies from Pharaoh from his servants and from his people
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רֹאשׁוֹת נִשְׁאָר אֶחָד
there remained not one

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