

Exodus 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.

Analysis

Verse 10 introduces the plague of boils (שְׁחִנָּה, shechin—infamed sores), targeting Sekhmet (goddess of healing) and Imhotep (god of medicine). The magicians themselves are afflicted and cannot stand before Moses. This plague physically marks Egypt's defeat.

Historical Context

Sekhmet was lioness goddess who both caused and healed disease. Imhotep, deified architect, became god of healing. Their inability to prevent or cure boils demonstrates YHWH's supremacy over health and disease.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does the magicians' personal affliction teach about false religion's impotence?
2. How does physical suffering sometimes reveal spiritual realities?

Interlinear Text

פָּרָעַ הַ	לִפְנֵי	עַמְדָּו	הַכְּבֵשׂ	אָתָּה	יְהִי כֵּן	וְ
And they took	H3947	ashes	H6368	of the furnace	H3536	and stood
						H5975
						before
						H6440
						Pharaoh
						H6547
שָׁחַר	וְיָהּ	הַשְׁמַטְתָּה	מֵשָׁה	אֵת	וְיִזְרֵל	וְ
sprinkled	H2236	and Moses	H4872	it up toward heaven	H8064	and it became a boil
						H1961
						H7822
וְבָבָרְתָּהּ	בְּאֵד	פְּנֵי	בְּאֵד	אֶבְעָבָעַ	תְּ	
with blains	H76	breaking forth	H6524	upon man	H120	and upon beast
						H929

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