

Exodus 9:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

Analysis

Verse 15 describes the plague of hail with fire, targeting Nut (sky goddess) and Seth (storm god). This unprecedented storm combines hail and fire, destroying crops and livestock left in fields. God reveals 'there is none like me in all the earth' (v.14).

Historical Context

Nut, sky goddess, arched over earth as protective dome. Seth controlled storms and chaos. The storm's supernatural nature—fire and ice together—proves divine origin. Only those who 'feared the word of the LORD' (v.20) saved their livestock.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God use creation to reveal His power?
2. What does the response of God-fearing Egyptians (v.20) teach about individual faith?

Interlinear Text

וְכִי עַתָּה שְׁלַחְתִּי אֶת יָדִי אֵלֶיךָ אֲוֹתָךְ
H3588 H6258 For now I will stretch out H853 my hand that I may smite H853

H7971

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H5221

וְאַתָּה עַמּוֹךְ בְּךָ בָּרָךְ תִּתְפֹּחַד מִ
H853 thee and thy people with pestilence and thou shalt be cut off H4480

H5971 H1698

H3582

בְּאָרֶץ:
from the earth
H776

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:20 (Parallel theme): And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

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