

Exodus 9:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

Analysis

Verse 16 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

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

וְאֹלֶל	בַּעֲבָרָה	זָאת	הַעֲמִידָתִךְ	בַּעֲבָרָה
And in very	deed	H2063	for this cause have I raised thee up	deed
H199	H5668		H5975	H5668
פְּרֹאַתְּךָ	אֶת	כִּי	וְלֹמַעַן	שְׁמִי
for to shew	in thee my power	H4616	may be declared	and that my name
H7200	H3581		H5608	H8034
בְּכָל	פְּאָרֶץ			
H3605	throughout all the earth	H776		

Additional Cross-References

Romans 9:17 (Resurrection): For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Proverbs 16:4 (Parallel theme): The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Psalms 64:9 (Parallel theme): And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

1 Chronicles 16:24 (Parallel theme): Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

Exodus 14:17 (Parallel theme): And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

Exodus 18:11 (Parallel theme): Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

Malachi 1:11 (Parallel theme): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place

incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

1 Peter 2:8 (Parallel theme): And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

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