

Exodus 9:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Analysis

Verse 6 describes the plague on livestock, targeting Apis bull cult and Hathor cow goddess. God strikes Egyptian livestock while Israelite animals remain healthy. The 'set time' (*תִּזְמֹן*, moed—appointed time) emphasizes God's sovereignty over timing.

Historical Context

Apis bull represented Ptah's fertility and strength. Hathor, cow goddess, symbolized motherhood and music. Egyptians worshipped cattle as sacred; their death struck at core religious identity while demonstrating YHWH's power over life.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's precise timing demonstrate His sovereignty?
2. What idols masquerading as 'life-givers' has God exposed in your experience?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעֲשֵׂה	יְהוָה	אֶת	רְשָׁבָבָה	בַּיּוֹם	מִמְּחֹרֶת	תְּמִימָה	כִּי	לְמִתְּמִימָה
did	And the LORD	H853	that thing	H2088	on the morrow	died		H3605
H6213	H3068		H1697		H4283	H4191		
וְמִמְּלֹאָה	מִצְרָיִם	בְּנֵי	לֹא					
and all the cattle	of Egypt	and all the cattle	of the children	of Israel				H3808
H4735	H4714	H4735	H1121	H3478				
מֵת	אֶת							
died	not one							
H4191	H259							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 78:48 (Parallel theme): He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

Psalms 78:50 (Parallel theme): He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

Exodus 9:25 (References Egypt): And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.