

Job 1:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

Analysis

The timing 'a day' when Job's children were feasting connects directly to verse 4, showing God's sovereignty over the exact moment of testing. The simultaneity of the calamities (all on one day) amplifies the severity of the trial while revealing God's sovereign orchestration even in Satan's attacks. This doesn't make God the author of evil, but shows His use of evil for holy purposes (Genesis 50:20).

Historical Context

The narrative structure emphasizes the swiftness and completeness of Job's losses, occurring during what should have been a joyful family celebration, thus maximizing the emotional trauma.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you reconcile God's sovereignty with the reality of evil and suffering?
2. When have you experienced trials arriving in rapid succession? How did this affect your faith?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּהָיֶה י'	הָיָא וּמַ	וּבְנֵי יוֹ	וּבָנוֹתַיּוֹ	אֲכָלִים
H1961	And there was a day	when his sons	and his daughters	were eating
	H3117	H1121	H1323	H398
וְשָׁתוּ יַיִם	יַיִן	בֵּית יֵת	אֲחִיָּהֶם	הַבְּכוֹרִים:
and drinking	wine	house	brother's	in their eldest
H8354	H3196	H1004	H251	H1060

Additional Cross-References

Luke 21:34 (Parallel theme): And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Job 1:4 (Parallel theme): And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

Proverbs 27:1 (Parallel theme): Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Ecclesiastes 9:12 (Parallel theme): For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.