

Job 1:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Analysis

The Chaldean attack parallels the Sabeian raid, showing that evil comes from multiple sources but under one sovereign purpose. The 'three bands' indicates organized, military-style coordination. The repeated pattern—attack, slaughter of servants, one messenger—reveals God's sovereign ordering even in catastrophic events. The loss of the camels represented Job's transportation and trade capacity, compounding his economic devastation.

Historical Context

The Chaldeans (proto-Babylonians) were semi-nomadic peoples known for raiding and warfare. Their targeting of camels reflects their value in ancient trade and transportation networks.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain faith when multiple trials attack simultaneously from different directions?
2. What does the pattern of Job's losses teach us about God's sovereignty over seemingly random events?

Interlinear Text

וַתִּפֹּל לִ	שָׁבָא	וַתִּקְחֵם	וְאֶת	הַנְּעָרִים
fell	And the Sabeans	upon them and took them away	H853	the servants
H5307	H7614	H3947		H5288
הֵם כָּו	לְפִי	בְּחֶבֶץ	וְאֲנִי לֹטֵה	בְּרֶקַע
yea they have slain	with the edge	of the sword	and I only am escaped	H7535
H5221	H6310	H2719	H4422	H589
לְבַדִּי	לְהִגֵּד ידִי	לָהֶם		
H905	alone to tell	H0		
	H5046			

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 10:7 (Parallel theme): And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

Job 6:19 (Parallel theme): The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.