

# Job 1:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

## Analysis

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The final material loss—his children—represents the crescendo of Job's trial. The house collapse during a windstorm from the wilderness demonstrates that even the venue of family fellowship becomes an instrument of loss. The death of all ten children at once surpasses the material losses, testing whether Job's worship depends on God's gifts or God Himself. This anticipates Christ's teaching that we must love God more than even our closest family (Matthew 10:37).

## Historical Context

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Houses in the ancient Near East, particularly those hosting feasts, were substantial structures. A wind strong enough to collapse such a building would be recognized as an extraordinary event, contributing to the perception of divine causation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What would it cost you to say with Job, 'The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away'?
2. How do you guard against idolizing family above God?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָעַד H5750	וְהָעַד H2088	וְהָעַד H1696	וְהָעַד H2088	וְהָעַד H935	וְהָעַד H559
While he was yet speaking	there came	also another and said			
וְהָעַד H3778	וְהָעַד H7760	וְהָעַד H7969	וְהָעַד H7218	וְהָעַד H6584	וְהָעַד H5921
The Chaldeans	made out	three	bands	and fell	upon the camels
וְהָעַד H3947	וְהָעַד H853	וְהָעַד H5288	וְהָעַד H5221	וְהָעַד H6310	
and have carried them away	the servants	yea and slain	with the edge		
וְהָעַד H2719	וְהָעַד H4422	וְהָעַד H7535	וְהָעַד H589	וְהָעַד H905	וְהָעַד H0
of the sword	and I only am escaped			alone to tell	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 11:28** (Parallel theme): And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

**Habakkuk 1:6** (Parallel theme): For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not their's.