

Job 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Analysis

The wind from the wilderness represents the culminating blow—all ten children perishing together. The Hebrew 'ruach' (wind/spirit) can signify both natural wind and spiritual agency, suggesting Satan's limited power to employ natural forces. Yet even this operates under God's sovereign permission. The death of Job's children tests whether his worship in verse 5 was genuine or merely protective superstition.

Historical Context

Desert winds in the ancient Near East could reach tremendous velocities, capable of structural destruction. The timing—during the family feast—maximizes the tragedy by killing all the children simultaneously.

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Study Questions

1. How does Job's loss of all his children inform how you would respond to losing a loved one?
2. What does this verse teach about the limits of Satan's power even when God grants permission to attack?

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