

# Job 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

## Analysis

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Job's seven sons and three daughters represent divine completeness (seven) and stability (three), establishing his blessed estate before testing. This perfect family structure serves as the foundation for understanding the magnitude of Job's subsequent loss. The narrative establishes that Job's righteousness was demonstrated in his family stewardship, not merely personal piety.

## Historical Context

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Written during the patriarchal period (possibly 2000-1800 BC), this opening establishes Job as a historical figure whose integrity predated the Mosaic covenant. The family structure reflects ancient Near Eastern values where sons and daughters represented a man's legacy and divine blessing.

## 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. How do you measure God's blessing in your life - by external circumstances or internal character?

2. What does it mean to be 'perfect and upright' in a fallen world?

## Interlinear Text

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And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 42:13** (Parallel theme): He had also seven sons and three daughters.

**Psalms 107:38** (Parallel theme): He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

**Psalms 128:3** (Parallel theme): Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

**Job 13:13** (Parallel theme): Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

**Esther 5:11** (Parallel theme): And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

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