

Job 1:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

This verse establishes Job's family unity and prosperity before calamity strikes. The Hebrew 'yom' (day) suggests regular, rotating celebrations among the siblings, demonstrating covenant faithfulness in family relationships. This pattern of fellowship foreshadows both the communion of saints and the eschatological wedding feast, while also setting the stage for God's sovereign testing of Job's faith through the removal of these very blessings.

Historical Context

In patriarchal times, such feasting reflected not mere indulgence but covenant renewal within extended families. Job lived during the patriarchal era (circa 2000 BC), before the Mosaic Law, when family heads served as priests.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the pattern of Job's family fellowship reflect your own commitment to Christian community?
2. In what ways might God test your faith by removing blessings you take for granted?

Interlinear Text

וְהָלַךְ וּ
went
H1980

וּבָנָיו
And his sons
H1121

וַעֲשׂוּ
H6213

וּמִשְׁתֵּה ה
and feasted
H4960

בְּיָתָם
in their houses
H1004

אֵין יוֹם
every one
H376

וְיוֹם
his day
H3117

וַיִּשְׁלַח וּ
and sent
H7971

וַיִּקְרָאוּ
and called
H7121

לְשָׁלֹשׁ נָשִׁים
for their three
H7969

אֲחֵיותֵיהֶם
sisters
H269

לֵאכֹל
to eat
H398

וּלְשֵׁת וְיָם
and to drink
H8354

עִמָּהֶם:
H5973

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:1 (Parallel theme): Let brotherly love continue.