

Job 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Analysis

The Hebrew phrase 'sons of God' (bene elohim) refers to angelic beings presenting themselves before God's throne, establishing the cosmic courtroom scene. Satan ('the adversary' in Hebrew) appears among them not as an equal but as one subject to God's sovereign authority. This scene reveals that earthly suffering has heavenly dimensions.

Historical Context

The divine council motif appears throughout ancient Near Eastern literature, but only in Scripture is God depicted as absolutely sovereign over all spiritual beings. This prefigures Christ's authority over all powers and principalities (Colossians 2:15).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What comfort can you find in knowing that Satan must ask God's permission to test believers?
2. How does the heavenly courtroom scene change your perspective on earthly trials?

Interlinear Text

וַיָּהִי י	הַיּוֹם	וַיָּבֹא	בְּנֵי י	הָאֱלֹהִים	לְהִתִּיצֵב
H1961	Now there was a day	came	when the sons	of God	to present
	H3117	H935	H1121	H430	H3320
עַל	יְהוָה	וַיָּבֹא	גַם	הַשָּׂטָן	בְּתוֹכָם:
H5921	themselves before the LORD	came	H1571	and Satan	also among
	H3068	H935		H7854	H8432

Additional Cross-References

Job 2:1 (References God): Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:7 (References God): When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Zechariah 3:1 (References Lord): And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

1 Chronicles 21:1 (Parallel theme): And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

1 Kings 22:19 (References Lord): And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

Matthew 18:10 (Parallel theme): Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Genesis 6:4 (References God): There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

John 6:70 (Parallel theme): Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

Luke 3:38 (References God): Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

Psalms 103:20 (References Lord): Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.