

# Job 14:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

## Analysis

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Job's famous hope: 'For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again' contrasts vegetative regeneration with human mortality. Trees can revive; humans die permanently. Yet this observation prepares for Job's greater hope in resurrection (14:14).

## Historical Context

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Ancient agricultural societies observed seasonal death and renewal in plant life. Job uses this natural observation to highlight humanity's different fate - or does he?

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. What hope do natural cycles of death and renewal suggest about human mortality?
2. How does this plant metaphor anticipate resurrection hope?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588	For there is	of a tree	hope	H518	if it be cut down	H5750
	H3426	H6086	H8615		H3772	
יִצְלַח	וְיִנְקֹתָ	לֹא	תִחְדָּל:			
that it will sprout again	and that the tender branch	H3808	thereof will not cease			
H2498	H3127		H2308			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 27:6** (Parallel theme): He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

**Isaiah 11:1** (Parallel theme): And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

**Job 14:14** (Parallel theme): If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

**Job 19:10** (Hope): He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.