

Job 15:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

Analysis

The wicked's hope perishes: 'Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.' The spider's web imagery is brilliant—it appears substantial but can't bear weight. The wicked's confidence seems secure but proves fragile when tested. This truth about false securities becomes cruel accusation when wrongly applied to Job, whose trust remains in God despite everything. His trust isn't a spider's web—it endures the ultimate test.

Historical Context

Spider webs were proverbial for fragility in ancient wisdom (Isaiah 59:5-6). Ancient Israelites observed spiders creating elaborate structures that couldn't support substantial weight—perfect metaphor for false securities.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What false securities appear substantial but prove fragile when tested?
2. How do trials reveal whether our trust rests on God or on circumstances?

3. What distinguishes trust in God that endures testing from false confidence that collapses?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	For the congregation	of hypocrites	shall be desolate	and fire	shall consume
	H5712	H2611	H1565	H784	H398
אֶת־הַמִּטְבָּעִים	שֶׁחַד:				
the tabernacles	of bribery				
H168	H7810				

Additional Cross-References

Job 8:13 (Parallel theme): So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: