

Job 16:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

Analysis

God hath delivered me to the ungodly (אֶל-עָוִיל יָסְגִירֵנִי אֱלֹהִים, yasgireni 'El el-'avil)—The verb סָגַר (sagar, 'to deliver up, hand over') is covenant-betrayal language. God has handed Job over to the עָוִיל ('avil, 'wicked, perverse ones'). This shocking accusation: the covenant-keeper has become covenant-breaker.

And turned me over into the hands of the wicked (וְעַל-יָדֵי רָשָׁעִים יָרֵטֵנִי, ve'al-yedey resha'im yirteni)—The verb יָרַט (yarat) means 'to hurl, cast violently.' Job feels thrown to the רָשָׁעִים (resha'im, 'wicked'). Strikingly, this language anticipates Judas's betrayal (παράδωκεν, paradidomi, 'to hand over') and God 'delivering up' Christ (Romans 8:32). Job's innocent suffering foreshadows the cross.

Historical Context

The verb 'deliver/hand over' (סָגַר/παράδωκεν) creates a theological arc from Job to Christ. God 'delivered up' Israel to enemies as judgment (Judges 13:1), yet here delivers up the righteous Job. Paul's use in Romans 8:32 ('He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all') reveals God's ultimate pattern: the Innocent One handed over for the guilty.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Job's accusation that God 'delivered him' to the wicked anticipate the Father delivering the Son?
2. What does it mean that God sometimes 'hands over' His faithful servants to suffering rather than shielding them?
3. How does Romans 8:32 transform our understanding of being 'delivered into the hands' of adversity?

Interlinear Text

יִסְגִּירֵנִי	אֱלֹהִים	עַל־יְלִידֵי	יָדַי
hath delivered	God	me to the ungodly	into the hands
H5462	H410	H5760	H3027
רְשָׁעִים	וַיִּטְּנֵנִי:		
of the wicked	and turned me over		
H7563	H3399		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 27:12 (Parallel theme): Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

Psalms 31:8 (Parallel theme): And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.