

Job 16:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

Analysis

God breaks Job repeatedly: 'He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.' The repeated breaches suggest waves of suffering—one blow after another without respite. God running like a giant emphasizes overwhelming force. Job feels crushed by omnipotence. Yet even in this extreme language, Job doesn't curse God or turn away—he maintains engagement even while feeling overwhelmed. This models faith that holds on despite feeling crushed.

Historical Context

Ancient warfare involved repeated assaults to break through fortifications—breach upon breach. Giants (like Goliath) represented overwhelming, terrifying force. Job employs his culture's most powerful imagery of destructive force to express suffering's intensity.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do we maintain faith when suffering comes in waves without respite?

2. What does Job's continued engagement with God despite feeling overwhelmed teach about authentic faith?
3. How do we help others when they feel crushed by repeated trials?

Interlinear Text

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