

Job 18:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

Analysis

The wicked lose posterity: 'He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.' Loss of descendants represented ultimate curse—no future, no continuation, no inheritance. For ancient Near Eastern mindset, this fate was worse than death. Bildad cruelly refers to Job's actual loss of children, using it as evidence of Job's supposed wickedness. This pastoral failure demonstrates how doctrine misapplied becomes weapon.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cultures valued posterity supremely. Descendants represented blessing, continuation, and honor. The childless faced social stigma and loss of identity. Bildad's reference to Job's actual loss of all children adds cruelty to false theology.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do we comfort those who've lost children without implying their loss indicates divine judgment?
2. What does Gospel hope offer to those without biological posterity?
3. How does being part of God's family transform our understanding of legacy and continuation?

Interlinear Text

ל א	בן ין	ל ו	ולא	בן קד	בְּעַמּוֹ	אֶיּוֹן
H3808	He shall neither have son	H0	H3808	nor nephew	among his people	H369
	H5209			H5220	H5971	
שׁ ר יד	בְּמִגְוֹרָיו:					
nor any remaining	in his dwellings					
H8300	H4033					

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 22:30 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.