

Job 19:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

Analysis

Job's plea 'How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?' reveals the power of speech to wound. The friends' words become weapons that 'break in pieces' - theological cruelty more painful than physical suffering.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom recognized word power (Proverbs 12:18). Job's accusation that words 'break in pieces' reflects trauma caused by the friends' theological assault.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How can words wound more deeply than physical pain?
2. When have theological arguments broken you rather than built you up?

Interlinear Text

בְּמָלִים: תַּדְכֹּאֵן נִי נְפָשִׁי אֲנָה עַד
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