

# Job 19:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

## Analysis

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Job wants testimony engraved in stone: 'That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!' Stone engraving with iron tool and lead filling represented most permanent ancient inscription. Job wants his testimony of innocence preserved eternally. This anticipates confidence in resurrection and final vindication. What humans won't acknowledge, the permanent record will witness.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern monumental inscriptions used iron tools to carve rock, sometimes filling grooves with lead for visibility and permanence. Such inscriptions survived centuries—exactly what Job desired for his declaration of innocence and faith.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What does our desire for permanent vindication reveal about our need for justice?

2. How does faith in final judgment comfort when present justice is denied?
3. What is the relationship between temporal vindication and eternal judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּעֵיטָבָן: יְמִצְבָּה  
לְעֵדָה וְבָרֵץ לְעֵדָה וְבָרֵץ לְעֵדָה  
pen with an iron and lead for ever in the rock That they were graven  
H5842 H1270 H5777 H5703 H6697 H2672

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 17:1** (Parallel theme): The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

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