

Job 19:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Analysis

Job's resurrection hope: 'And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.' This stunning affirmation of bodily resurrection predates full biblical revelation. Even in despair, Job envisions embodied existence beyond death where vindication occurs.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern death concepts rarely included resurrection hope, making Job's statement remarkable. This prefigures New Testament resurrection teaching (1 Corinthians 15).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does resurrection hope change your view of present suffering?
2. What does it mean to see God 'in your flesh' after death?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 5:8 (References God): Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

1 John 3:2 (References God): Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Psalms 17:15 (Parallel theme): As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Revelation 1:7 (Parallel theme): Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

1 Corinthians 13:12 (Parallel theme): For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Psalms 16:11 (Parallel theme): Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalms 16:9 (Parallel theme): Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

1 Corinthians 15:53 (Parallel theme): For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Philippians 3:21 (Parallel theme): Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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