

Job 19:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Analysis

Job continues: 'Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.' The emphatic 'for myself' and 'not another' stresses personal, direct encounter. Job's hope isn't abstract immortality but embodied meeting with God.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern afterlife concepts often featured shadowy existence, but Job envisions concrete, personal encounter. The 'reins' (kidneys) represent innermost being.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What difference does it make that you will see God 'for yourself'?
2. How does embodied resurrection differ from disembodied immortality?

Interlinear Text

רָא אֶל עֵינֵי אַנְיָן אֲחַזָּה לְיָמֵינוּ
H834 H589 Whom I shall see H2372 H0 for myself and mine eyes H5869 shall behold H7200

וְלֹא כַּלְתִּיתִ בְּחִלּוּנִי יְרֵא
H3808 and not another H2114 be consumed H3615 though my reins H3629 within H2436

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 73:26 (Parallel theme): My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

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