

Job 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Analysis

The second divine council scene parallels chapter 1, demonstrating that God's purposes unfold in stages. The repetition 'sons of God came to present themselves' shows the regularity of divine governance over the spirit realm. Satan's continued presence despite his failure with Job reveals that God permits evil agents to continue operating even after their accusations prove false—not because God is indecisive, but to further demonstrate His sovereignty and the authenticity of His servants' faith.

Historical Context

The divine council motif appears throughout ancient Near Eastern literature, but Scripture uniquely portrays YHWH as absolutely sovereign, with all other beings—including Satan—subject to His will and permission.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the repetition of the divine council scene deepen your understanding of God's sovereignty over spiritual warfare?
2. What comfort do you find in knowing that Satan must repeatedly request permission to attack God's people?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי י	הַיּוֹם	וַיָּבֹא	בְּנֵי י	הָאֱלֹהִים	לְהִתִּיצֵב
H1961	Again there was a day	came	when the sons	of God	them to present
	H3117	H935	H1121	H430	H3320
עַל	יְהוָה:	וַיָּבֹא	גַם	הַשָּׂטָן	בְּתוֹךְ
H5921	himself before the LORD	came	H1571	and Satan	also among
	H3068	H935		H7854	H8432
לְהִתִּיצֵב	עַל	יְהוָה:			
them to present	H5921	himself before the LORD			
H3320		H3068			

Additional Cross-References

Job 1:6 (References God): Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Luke 1:19 (References God): And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.