

Job 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

Analysis

Satan's immediate action ('went forth from the presence of the Lord and smote Job') shows his eagerness to execute his accusation. The 'sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown' indicates comprehensive, excruciating bodily affliction covering Job's entire body. The Hebrew 'shechin ra'' (evil boils/inflammation) suggests a painful, disfiguring condition. This physical suffering isolates Job socially while causing constant agony, testing whether his worship depends on comfort or conviction.

Historical Context

Skin diseases in the ancient Near East resulted in ceremonial uncleanness and social quarantine. Job's affliction would exclude him from community worship and human fellowship, compounding his suffering with isolation.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain worship when physical pain makes concentration difficult?
2. What does Job's comprehensive physical affliction teach us about God's purposes in allowing bodily suffering?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּצֵא	הַשָּׂטָן	מֵאֵת	פְּנֵי	יְהוָה	וַיִּכּוּ	אֶת
So went	Satan	H853	from the presence	of the LORD	and smote	H853
H3318	H7854		H6440	H3068	H5221	
אִיּוֹב	בֹּשֵׁחַ	בְּעַ	מִפְּ	בְּגִלְוֹ	עַד	קִדְקֹדָיו׃
Job	boils	with sore	from the sole	of his foot	H5704	unto his crown
H347	H7822	H7451	H3709	H7272		H6936

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:35 (References Lord): The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

Isaiah 1:6 (Parallel theme): From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

Job 30:30 (Parallel theme): My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

Deuteronomy 28:27 (References Lord): The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.