

# 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

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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

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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

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**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

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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

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| וַיֵּצֵא       | הַשָּׂטָן    | מֵאֵת            | פְּנֵי                   | יְהוָה             | וַיִּךְ          | אֶת                   |
| <b>So went</b> | <b>Satan</b> |                  | <b>from the presence</b> | <b>of the LORD</b> | <b>and smote</b> |                       |
| H3318          | H7854        | H853             | H6440                    | H3068              | H5221            | H853                  |
| אִיּוֹב        | בֹּשֶׁחַ יָן | כֶּע             | מִפֶּי                   | רַגְלוֹ            | עַד              | קִדְקֹדָיו            |
| <b>Job</b>     | <b>boils</b> | <b>with sore</b> | <b>from the sole</b>     | <b>of his foot</b> |                  | <b>unto his crown</b> |
| H347           | H7822        | H7451            | H3709                    | H7272              | H5704            | H6936                 |

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.