

Job 20:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

Analysis

Nothing escapes the wicked's consumption: 'There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.' The wicked consume everything, leaving nothing—yet this brings no lasting prosperity. The second phrase suggests their goods won't endure or benefit others. While describing some wicked people's fate, this doesn't explain Job's losses. Job's wealth benefited many; its loss came from external attack, not consumption.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom warned against consuming all resources without provision for future or others. Joseph's wisdom in Egypt demonstrates proper stewardship. Zophar assumes Job consumed everything selfishly, contradicting Job's testimony of generosity.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do we steward resources for future and others rather than present consumption?
2. What distinguishes appropriate enjoyment from selfish consumption?
3. How does the Gospel transform our relationship with material possessions?

Interlinear Text

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H369	be left	There shall none of his meat	H5921	H3651	H3808
	H8300	H400			
	יֵחַ יֵל	טוֹבוֹ:			
	therefore shall no man look	for his goods			
	H2342	H2898			

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