

Job 21:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

Analysis

The wicked are spared in judgment: 'That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.' Job's question expects affirmation—travelers confirm that the wicked aren't immediately judged but 'reserved' for future judgment day. This introduces eschatological perspective. Divine justice is certain but not always immediate. The wicked face ultimate judgment even if they escape temporal consequences.

Historical Context

Developing eschatological consciousness in Old Testament thought included understanding of delayed judgment. Job grasps that immediate temporal prosperity doesn't indicate final verdict. Later prophetic and apocalyptic literature develops this extensively.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does eschatological judgment resolve the problem of delayed temporal justice?
2. What role does faith play in trusting future judgment when present observation shows injustice?
3. How should confidence in final judgment affect our pursuit of temporal justice?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:4 (Evil): The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Job 20:28 (Judgment): The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

2 Peter 3:7 (Judgment): But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Romans 2:5 (Judgment): But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;