

# Job 21:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

## Analysis

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The wicked receive honor: 'Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.' Even the wicked receive honorable burial—they're 'brought' (accompanied ceremonially) to the grave and 'remain' (are remembered) in the tomb. Instead of disgrace, they receive honor even in death. This compounds the injustice Job observes—the wicked prosper in life and are honored in death. Only eschatological judgment resolves this.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern burial practices included elaborate ceremonies for the wealthy and powerful. Honorable burial with monuments ensured remembrance. That even the wicked received such honor (while the righteous sometimes didn't) troubled ancient observers of justice.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do we respond to the wicked receiving earthly honor even in death?

2. What does it mean that earthly legacy doesn't determine ultimate verdict?
3. How does resurrection hope transform what matters about death and burial?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלֹא־בָּרְךָ תִּתְּבִּרְכָּה  
H1931 to the grave

וְיֹאֲכֵל יְהִי  
H2986 Yet shall he be brought

בָּיִת־מְבָרֵךְ וְיַעֲשֶׂה  
H5921 in the tomb

וְיַעֲשֶׂה  
H1430 and shall remain

וְיַעֲשֶׂה  
H8245

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 16:22** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

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