

# Job 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

## Analysis

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Job imagines that had he died at birth, 'then should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest.' He pictures death as peaceful rest contrasting with his current agony. This reflects the Old Testament understanding of Sheol as a place of rest for the dead, though without the fuller New Testament revelation of resurrection and judgment. Job's desire for death's rest reveals that suffering has made existence itself burdensome.

## Historical Context

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Old Testament believers understood death as descent to Sheol, a shadowy realm of rest for the dead (compare Jacob in Genesis 37:35). The fuller revelation of resurrection and eternal judgment comes later in Scripture.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Christian hope of resurrection transform the Old Testament view of death as rest?

2. When has suffering made rest—even death's rest—seem desirable?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי עָתָה שָׁכַב בָּתָי וְאָשָׁק יָוָת  
H3588 H6258 For now should I have lain still and been quiet I should have slept  
H7901 H8252 H3462

כִּי עָתָה שָׁכַב בָּתָי  
H227 then had I been at rest H5117 H0

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