

Job 3:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Analysis

Job concludes, 'I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.' Even before his calamities, Job lacked peace—suggesting either prescient unease or ongoing spiritual struggle. The three negatives (no safety, no rest, no quiet) build toward the climax: 'yet trouble came' anyway. The Hebrew 'rogez' (trouble/turmoil) suggests violent agitation. Job's admission reveals that even model righteousness doesn't produce perfect psychological peace in this fallen world.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern wisdom literature often portrayed the righteous as enjoying complete peace and security. Job's admission that even in prosperity he lacked inner peace is remarkably honest and countercultural.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you reconcile righteousness with the absence of perfect inner peace?

2. What does Job's honest admission teach us about realistic expectations for the Christian life?

Interlinear Text

לֹא שָׁלַּו וְתַיִן
H3808 I was not in safety
H7951

לֹא שָׁקַּטְתִּי
H3808 neither had I rest
H8252

לֹא חָתַּטְתִּי
H3808 neither was I quiet
H5117

רָאָזֶן יְיָ בָּא
H935 came H7267 yet trouble

Additional Cross-References

Job 7:14 (Parallel theme): Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

Psalms 143:11 (Parallel theme): Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Job 27:9 (Parallel theme): Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

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