

# Job 3:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

## Analysis

Job wishes that darkness would seize the night of his conception, that it be excluded from the numbering of months and days. The Hebrew 'laqach' (seize/take) suggests violent possession—Job wants that night captured and removed from the calendar of time. This reflects the ancient understanding that conception, not birth, initiates human existence (Psalm 51:5). Job's wish extends beyond his birth to his very origin, expressing total despair over his existence.

## Historical Context

Ancient calendrical systems carefully numbered days within months and months within years. Job's wish that his conception night be excluded from this reckoning reflects the cultural importance of temporal ordering.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does Job's regret extending to his conception reflect the depth of his anguish?
2. What does Scripture's preservation of Job's lament teach us about God's patience with our darkest thoughts?

## Interlinear Text

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אַל	אֲלֵה	כָּל	אֲלֵל	יִקְרַב	הַזָּהָא	כָּל	יְלָה
As for that night	H1931	seize		let darkness	H408		
H3915		H3947		H652			
! פָּד	! פָּד	בַּיּוֹם	בַּיּוֹם	שָׁנָה	שָׁנָה	בָּמָסֵף	בָּמָסֵף
upon it let it not be joined	H2302	unto the days	H3117	of the year	H8141	into the number	H4557
אַל	יְבָא:						
H408	let it not come						
H935							

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