

Job 3:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

Analysis

Job wishes his conception night had been 'solitary' (Hebrew 'galmud'—barren/sterile) with no joyful voice coming into it. Ancient conception was celebrated as divine blessing; Job wishes that night had been marked instead by barrenness and silence. This inverts the biblical pattern where barrenness brings shame and conception brings joy (Genesis 30:23). Job's suffering is so intense that he wishes the joy of his own conception had never occurred.

Historical Context

In patriarchal culture, conception—especially of sons—was celebrated as God's blessing. Job's wish inverts this cultural value, showing how suffering can make even life itself seem undesirable.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does Job's wish for the joy of his conception to be erased reveal about the impact of suffering on our perspective?

2. How do you maintain hope when suffering makes even past blessings seem worthless?

Interlinear Text

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