

# Job 3:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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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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הֵן הַ	הַ לַ לַיְלָה	הֵן הוּא	יְהִי יְ	גִלְמִי וְדַ	אֵל	תָּבֹא
H2009	<b>Lo let that night</b>	H1931	H1961	<b>be solitary</b>	H408	<b>come</b>
	H3915			H1565		H935
הִנֵּנִי הַ	בֹּהֶבֶת					
<b>let no joyful voice</b>	H0					
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