

Job 31:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Analysis

Job concludes his defense: 'Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.' This conditional curse invokes divine judgment if he's lied. Job stakes everything on his integrity - let his fields bear weeds if he's guilty.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern oaths included conditional curses demonstrating sincerity. Job's agricultural curse shows willingness to stake his livelihood on his truthfulness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What are you willing to stake on your integrity?
2. How does Job's bold oath model confidence in truth?

Interlinear Text

שָׂעֵךְ הַ	וַתִּתְחַנֵּת	חֶטֶף הַנָּ	אָזֶן ! צָא	וְמִן כֵּן	וְיִתְחַנֵּת	שָׂעֵךְ הַ
H8478	instead of wheat	H2406	grow	H3318	Let thistles	H8478
				H2336		H8184
וְאַיִלְבָּן בְּאַשְׁנָה	דְּבָרָם יְתַחַנֵּן	מִן כֵּן	אָזֶן :			
and cockle	are ended	The words	of Job			
H890	H8552	H1697	H347			

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