

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

תַּחַת	חֹטֶה הַן	יִצְא	ח וְחִ	וְתַחַת	שְׁעָרֵהָ
H8478	instead of wheat	grow	Let thistles	H8478	instead of barley
	H2406	H3318	H2336		H8184
וּבְאֶשָׁה	תִּמּוֹ	דְּבַר י	אִיּוֹב:		
and cockle	are ended	The words	of Job		
H890	H8552	H1697	H347		

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