

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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

## Interlinear Text

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תַּחַת	חֹטֶה הַ	יִצָּא	ח וְחִ	וְתַחַת	שְׁעָרֵי הַ
H8478	<b>instead of wheat</b>	<b>grow</b>	<b>Let thistles</b>	H8478	<b>instead of barley</b>
	H2406	H3318	H2336		H8184
וּבְאֶשֶׁה	תִּמּוּ	דְּבַר י	אִיּוֹב:		
<b>and cockle</b>	<b>are ended</b>	<b>The words</b>	<b>of Job</b>		
H890	H8552	H1697	H347		

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