

Job 38:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

Analysis

"To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?" God's rain satisfies (sova, עֲשַׂה, "to satisfy/saturate") even desolate places, making vegetation spring forth. This demonstrates God's redemptive impulse—He delights in bringing life from barrenness, beauty from desolation. The imagery anticipates Isaiah's promises of desert blooming (Isaiah 35:1-2) and ultimately points to spiritual regeneration where God brings life to dead souls. God wastes nothing; even wasteland receives His gracious attention.

Historical Context

Desert regions in ancient Near East seemed permanently barren, yet occasional rains produced brief stunning blooms. This miracle would remind observers of God's power to bring life from death. For exiled Israel, this promise of desolate places reviving offered hope for national restoration.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's ability to make desolate places bloom encourage hope in your spiritual barrenness?
2. What "waste ground" in your life or community might God intend to satisfy and revive?

Interlinear Text

מִצְאָה לְבָשָׂבֵעַ שֶׁ אָהָה וְמִשְׁאָה וְלִבְצָאתִים יְמִינָה וְלִבְצָאתִים יְמִינָה

To satisfy the desolate and waste to spring forth ground and to cause the bud

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לְשָׂאָה:
of the tender herb

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:35 (Parallel theme): He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

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