

Job 39:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"He scorneth the multitude of the city; neither regardeth he the crying of the driver." The wild ass "scorns" (sachaq, שָׁחַק, "laughs at/mocks") city tumult and ignores the driver's commands. God designed this creature to live free from human authority and urban chaos. Its independence isn't rebellion but fulfillment of created purpose. This teaches that God values diversity in creation—some for service, others for freedom. Not all creation must serve human agendas; some glorifies God precisely through independence.

Historical Context

Ancient cities were crowded, noisy centers of commerce. Domesticated animals served urban economies under constant human direction. Wild asses' freedom from this system demonstrated that God's purposes transcend human civilization and economic systems. This would humble human pride in cultural achievements.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the wild ass's freedom challenge our assumption that usefulness equals value?
2. What does this teach about respecting the freedom and purposes God has given to others?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Job 3:18 (Parallel theme): There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

Exodus 5:18 (Parallel theme): Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.