

Job 42:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

Analysis

Job's restoration: 'So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning.' This doubled blessing (14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, etc.) vindicates Job materially. Yet the deeper vindication was God's approval and fellowship.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern narrative often concluded with restoration of righteous sufferers. Job's doubled blessing demonstrates that temporary loss doesn't equal divine abandonment.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Job's restoration affect your hope in present loss?
2. What's the relationship between material and spiritual blessing in Job's story?

Interlinear Text

וְיְהוָה ה	בֵּרַךְ	אֶת	אַחֲרֵי יָת	אֵי וֹב	מִרְאשֶׁת ו	וְיְהוָה
So the LORD	blessed	H853	the latter end	of Job	more than his beginning	H1961
H3068	H1288		H319	H347	H7225	
ל ו	אַרְבָּעָה	עֶשְׂרֵי	וְאֶלֶף	צֹאן	וְשֵׁשֶׁת	
H0	for he had fourteen	H6240	and a thousand	sheep	and six	
	H702		H505	H6629	H8337	
וְאֶלֶף	גָּמְלִים	וְאֶלֶף	צֶמֶד	בָּקָר	וְאֶלֶף	
and a thousand	camels	and a thousand	yoke	of oxen	and a thousand	
H505	H1581	H505	H6776	H1241	H505	
אֲתוֹנוֹת:						
she asses						
H860						

Additional Cross-References

Job 8:7 (Parallel theme): Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

Proverbs 10:22 (Blessing): The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 (Parallel theme): Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

Psalms 107:38 (Blessing): He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Genesis 24:35 (Blessing): And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

Job 1:3 (Parallel theme): His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

1 Timothy 6:17 (Parallel theme): Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Deuteronomy 8:16 (Parallel theme): Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

James 5:11 (References Lord): Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

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