

Job 42:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He had also seven sons and three daughters.

Analysis

"He had also seven sons and three daughters." God gives Job exact same number of children as before (1:2). Some interpreters suggest this indicates the previous children still lived in God's presence, so Job eventually had double (including those who died). The specific replacement demonstrates God's attention to detail in restoration. This teaches that God's restoration is comprehensive and specific—He doesn't provide generic blessing but addresses particular losses.

Historical Context

In ancient patriarchal culture, children—especially sons—represented blessing, legacy, and economic security. Losing children was the deepest grief. God's provision of exactly the same number demonstrated complete restoration. This would profoundly comfort grieving parents, assuring that God sees and addresses their specific losses.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What specific losses in your life do you need to trust God to address in His perfect restoration?
2. How does God's attention to details in Job's restoration encourage trust in His comprehensive care?

Interlinear Text

ל וַיְהִי שָׁבַע נָהָר בָּנִים וְשָׁלֹשׁ בָּנִות: וְשָׁלֹשׁ וְשָׁבַע נָהָר
H1961 H0 He had also seven sons and three daughters
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Additional Cross-References

Job 1:2 (Parallel theme): And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

Isaiah 49:20 (Parallel theme): The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

Psalms 107:41 (Parallel theme): Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

Psalms 127:3 (Parallel theme): Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.