

Job 42:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations." Job lives 140 additional years—possibly double his previous age, matching double restoration of possessions (v.10). Seeing four generations represents fullness of blessing in ancient thought. God grants Job comprehensive restoration—time to enjoy fully what he received. This teaches that God's restoration isn't merely replacement but opportunity to experience blessing richly. Divine redemption provides time to heal, enjoy, and appreciate what is restored.

Historical Context

Ancient patriarchal culture viewed long life and many descendants as supreme blessings, signs of divine favor. Four generations witnessed represented remarkable longevity and fertility. This comprehensive blessing demonstrated complete divine restoration, teaching that God's redemption addresses all dimensions of life—possessions, relationships, and time.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God provide not just restoration but opportunity to fully enjoy what He restores?
2. What blessings do you need time to appreciate rather than rushing to the next thing?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּחַ י	אִיּוֹב	אַחֲרָי	זֶה אֵת	מֵאָה	וְאַרְבָּעִים	שָׁנָה	וַיַּרְא
this lived	Job	After	H2063	an hundred	and forty	years	and saw
H2421	H347	H310		H3967	H705	H8141	H7200
אֵת	בָּנָיו	וְאֵת	בָּנָיו	בָּנָיו	אַרְבָּעִים	דִּרְוֹת:	
H853	and his sons	H853	and his sons	and his sons	even four	generations	
	H1121		H1121	H1121	H702	H1755	

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 50:23 (Parallel theme): And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

Proverbs 17:6 (Parallel theme): Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Psalms 128:6 (Parallel theme): Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Genesis 50:26 (Parallel theme): So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 34:7 (Parallel theme): And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

Joshua 24:29 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

Genesis 25:7 (Parallel theme): And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

Genesis 47:28 (Parallel theme): And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

Psalms 90:10 (Parallel theme): The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Genesis 11:32 (Parallel theme): And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

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