

Job 7:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

Analysis

Job compares human existence to 'an appointed time' (warfare) and days like those of a 'hireling' (day laborer). This double metaphor captures life's toilsome, temporary nature under the curse. The military imagery suggests spiritual warfare, while the economic reference highlights human frailty and dependence.

Historical Context

Ancient day laborers lived hand-to-mouth, depending on daily wages. Job uses this imagery to describe life's precariousness, anticipating Paul's teaching that all creation groans under futility (Romans 8:20-22).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does viewing life as warfare change your perspective on daily struggles?
2. What hope exists for those who feel like mere day laborers in God's economy?

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Is there not an appointed time

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