

# Job 9:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

## Analysis

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**Now my days are swifter than a post** (יָמַי קָלִילִי מִנִּי-רָצַץ, yamai qallu minni-ratz)—Job laments life's brevity using the image of a 'post' (ratz, רָצַץ), a courier or runner carrying urgent messages. Ancient Near Eastern postal systems used relay runners for rapid communication across empires. The verb 'are swifter' (qalal, קָלַל) means to be light, swift, or insignificant—Job's days race past like a sprinter, unstoppable and fleeting.

**They flee away, they see no good** intensifies the tragedy: not only are Job's days brief, but they contain no goodness (tov, טוֹב). The verb 'flee' (nus, נָס) suggests escape or running from danger—his days are deserters abandoning him to misery. This verse echoes Ecclesiastes' meditation on life's transience (Ecclesiastes 6:12, James 4:14) but adds the pain of suffering throughout that brief span.

## Historical Context

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Ancient postal systems in Persia, Assyria, and Egypt employed relay runners who could cover 100+ miles daily. Job's audience would immediately grasp this metaphor for unstoppable speed. The context is Job's complaint about his inability to contend with God (9:14-24)—his life is too brief and painful to secure justice. This theme of life's brevity pervades wisdom literature, from Moses' prayer (Psalm 90:10) to the Teacher's reflection (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the reality of life's brevity change your priorities and use of time?
2. What does Job's complaint about seeing 'no good' reveal about the weight of unrelieved suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Now my days</b>	<b>are swifter</b>	H4480	<b>than a post</b>	<b>they flee away</b>	H3808	<b>they see</b>
H3117	H7043		H7323	H1272		H7200

טוֹבָה:

**no good**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**James 4:14** (Parallel theme): Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.