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Citation from the Book of Job

..Job a sound and honest man who feared God and shunned evil.
and he had seven thousand sheep.....so that he was greater than any of the men of the East

..Job would send for them and sanctify every one of them, rising early and offering holocausts for every one of them. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and blasphemed God in their hearts."
One day when the the sons of God came to to attend on Yahweh, among them came Satan

As I see it those who plow for mischief and sow for trouble, reap the same.
Then a spirit passed before me...a figure was before my eyes, and I heard a still voice.
Thus the unfortunate have hope, and iniquity closes her mouth.
Happy is the man whom God reproves.
For he wounds, but he binds up; he smites, but his hands give healing.

How agreeable are honest words; yet how unconvincing is your argument.
For the arrows of the Almighty pierce me
Why have you set me up as an object of attack? Or why should I be a target for you?

He alone stretches out the heavens
He alone stretches out the heavens and treads upon the crests of the sea.
He made the Bear & Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the South
He need not suffer me to draw breath, but might fill me with bitter griefs.
Are not the days of my life few? Let me alone, that I may recover a little.

I have become the sport of my neighboursa laughingstock

Which of all these (beasts, birds, reptiles, fish etc) does not know that the hand of God has done this?

With him are wisdom and might; his are counsel and understanding.

he makes them stagger like drunken men
He leaves (the country's leaders) to wander in a trackless waste.

As when the waters of a lake fail, or a stream grows dry and parches.

Are you indeed the first-born of mankind, or were you brought forth before the hills?
They conceive malice and bring forth emptiness; they give birth to failure
look at him: pregnant with malice. Conceiving spite, he gives birth to treachery

I am the prey of (my traducer's) wrath assails, he gnashes his teeth against me
He has set me up as a target; his arrows strike me from all directions, He pieces my side without mercy.
Although my hands are free from violence, and my prayer is sincere.
Truly, the light of the wicked is extinguished; no flame brightens his hearth.
The light is darkened in his tent; in spite of him his lamp goes out.
His vigorous steps are hemmed in, and his own counsel casts him down.
For he rushes headlong into a net, and he wanders into a pitfall. A trap seizes him by the heel, and
a snare lays hold of him. A noose for him is hid on the ground, and the toild for him on the way.
Below his roots dry up and above his branches wither
(God) has compassed me round with his net...He has barred my wayveiled my path
If I cry out "Injustice!" I am not heard. I cry for help but there is no redress.
He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone; my hope he has uprooted like a tree.
My brethren have withdrawn from me, and my friends are wholly estranged.
Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock

Why do the wicked survive, grow old, become mighty in power.

(At the destruction of the impious) The just look on and are gladden, and the innocent deride them

Naked before him is the nether world, and Abaddon has no covering.
He has marked out a circle on the surface of the deep as the boundary of light and darkness.
By his power he stirs up the sea.

Solid gold cannot purchase it, nor can its price be paid with silver ..it surpasses pearls ...

For I rescued the poor who cried out for help, the orphans, and the unassisted.
Yet now they sing of me in mockery; I am become a byword among them.

Did not he who made me in the womb make him? Did not the same One fashion us before our birth?

For God does speak, perhaps once, or even twice, though one perceives it not.
(God) will take pity on him and say, "Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found him a ransom."
If he were to take back his spirit to himself, withdraw to himself his breath, All flesh would perish together
and man would return to the dust.

Then Job died, old and full of years.

Citation from the other Book

even if the three men, Noah, Danel, and Job, were living in it, they would save no one but themselves by their uprightness

Abram was very rich in livestock

he was very rich indeed. He acquired flocks and herds..

I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh, Purify yourselves and come to me to the sacrifice. He purified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

sons of God

Now the snake was the most subtle of all the wild animals that Yahweh God had made.

I saw Yahweh seated on his throne with the whole array of heaven standing by him, on his right and his left.

He then showed me the high priest Joshua, standing before the angel of Yahweh, with Satan standing on his right to accuse him. The angel of Yahweh rebuke you, Satan! May Yahweh rebuke you since he has made Jerusalem his choice.

Whoever sows injustice reaps disaster.

For at that moment Yahweh was going by...But Yahweh was not in And after the fire a light murmuring sound.

How blessed are those you instruct, Yahweh,to give them respite in evil times, till a pit is dug for the wicked.

My child do not scorn correction from Yahweh. Do not resent his reproof.

(Yahweh) has rent us and he will bind our wounds

when I have struck, it is I who heal
How pleasant your promise to my palate, sweeter than honey in my mouth! From your precepts I learn wisdom, so I hate all deceptive ways.
He has bent his bow and used me as a target.

I alone spread out the heavens
and strides on the heights of the world
He it is who makes the Pleiades and Orion
He has given me my fill of bitterness
Turn away your gaze that I may breathe freely before I depart and am no more!

I have become a joke to all my own people, their refrain all day long.
I am a laughingstock all day long, they make fun of me
so that my people may see and know, so that they may all observe and understand that the hand of Yahweh has done this?

To me belong good advice and prudence, I am discernment: power is mine!
Our Lord is great, all-powerful, his wisdom beyond all telling.
On him will rest the spirit of Yahweh, the spirit of wisdom & insight, the spirit of counsel & power ..
Yahweh has infused them (top men of Egypt's provinces) with a giddy spirit;like a drunkard straying about as he vomits.
He covered princes in contempt, left them to wander in trackless wastes.

The waters will ebb from the sea, the river will dry up and run low ... the rivers of Egypt sink and dry up

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth.
your lips utter lies, your tongues murmur wickedness. No one makes upright accusations or pleads sincerely. All rely on empty words, utter falsehood, conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

Your enemies open their mouths in chorus against you; they whistle and grind their teeth
For the arrows of the Almighty pierce me.
although he had one no violence. Had spoken no deceit.
The light of the upright is joyful, the lamp of the wicked goes out.
..for there is no future for the evil, the lamp of the wicked will go out.
When you walk your going will be unhindered, if you run, you will not stumble.
..(violent men) who are bent on making me stumble, laying out snares where I walk, in their arrogance hiding pitfall and noose to trap me as I pass.

I who destroyed (the Amorite's) fruit above ground and his roots below
He has walled me in so that I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains;closed my way with blocks of stone, ...obstructed my path
For whenever I speak I have to howl and proclaim "Violence & ruin!". For me Yahweh's word has been the cause of insult and derision...
..(God will) uproot from the land of the living.
You have deprived me of friends and companions
The sin of Judah is written with an iron pen, engraved with a diamond point on the tablet of their heart and on the horns of their altars.

Do not be indignant about the wicked, do not be envious of the evil, for there is no future

At the sight of (God raising the needy from their misery) the honest rejoice, and the wicked have nothing to say.

Sheol and Perdition lie open to Yahweh; how much more the human heart.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a circle on the surface of the deep, ..
I am Yahweh your God who stirs up the sea

Gaining her is more rewarding than silver.... She is beyond the price of pearls, nothingher equal.
For Wisdom is more precious than jewels, and nothing else is so worthy of desire
The fruit I give is better than gold, even the finest, the return I make is better than pure silver.
Better gain wisdom than gold, choose understanding in preference to silver.

For he rescues anyone needy who calls to him, and the poor who has no one to help. He has pity on the weak and needy
I have become a joke to all my own people, their refrain all day long.
I am their refrain
Is there not one Father of us all? Did not one God create us?

Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this.
(no one can ever) pay his own ransom to God, the price for himself is too high; (he can never) avoid the sight of the abyss.
..take back their breath and they die and revert to dust.

When Abraham had breathed his last , dying at a happy ripe age, old and full of years, he was gathered to his people.
(Issac) died and was gathered to his people, an old man who had enjoyed his full span of life.