

Job 18:1-21 **Bildad – 2nd reproach – Fate of the Wicked**

Bildad: The Wicked Are Punished

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

2 "How long till you put an end to words? Gain understanding, and afterward we will speak.

3 Why are we counted as beasts, And regarded as stupid in your sight?

4 You who tear yourself in anger, Shall the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall the rock be removed from its place?

5 "The light of the wicked indeed goes out, And the flame of his fire does not shine.

6 The light is dark in his tent, And his lamp beside him is put out.

7 The steps of his strength are shortened, And his own counsel casts him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, And he walks into a snare.

9 The net takes him by the heel, And a snare lays hold of him.

10 A noose is hidden for him on the ground, And a trap for him in the road.

11 Terrors frighten him on every side, And drive him to his feet.

12 His strength is starved, And destruction is ready at his side.

13 It devours patches of his skin; The firstborn of death devours his limbs.

14 He is uprooted from the shelter of his tent, And they parade him before the king of terrors.

15 They dwell in his tent who are none of his; Brimstone is scattered on his dwelling.

16 His roots are dried out below, And his branch withers above.

17 The memory of him perishes from the earth, And he has no name among the renowned.

18 He is driven from light into darkness, And chased out of the world.

19 He has neither son nor posterity among his people, Nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 Those in the west are astonished at his day, As those in the east are frightened.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, And this is the place of him who does not know El (God)."

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Facts Revealed:

- ✦ Bildad continued his accusations against Job by discussing the fate of the wicked.
 - ✧ Job's friends came to comfort Job, but focus on their perception that the problems Job is suffering is the consequence of grievous sin and Job's wickedness.
 - ✧ They do not believe that God would allow such suffering of a righteous man. [Job 4:1-5:7, 8:1-22, 11:1-20]
 - ✧ Yet Yahweh said that Job was perfect and blameless. [Job 1:1, 8, 2:3]
 - ✧ Yahweh said that Satan had moved God's hand against Job without cause. [Job 2:3]
 - ✧ Job was named among the three men Yahweh said was righteous enough to save himself by his own righteousness (Noah, Daniel, and Job). [Ezekiel 14:14, 20]