

# 2 Chronicles 36:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

## Analysis

The tragic climax of Israel's rebellion: 'But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.' Progressive hardening - mocking messengers, despising words, misusing prophets - led to the point of 'no remedy' (ein marpe - no healing). This doesn't mean God couldn't forgive but that the nation had passed the point where repentance was possible. The phrase 'wrath arose' depicts divine patience exhausted by persistent covenant violation. This sobering warning appears in Hebrews 6:4-6 about those who persistently reject truth. Yet God's wrath, even in exile, served redemptive purposes, producing a remnant.

## Historical Context

Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem and exile (586 BCE) resulted from generations of covenant unfaithfulness. The 'no remedy' point came despite Jeremiah's final warnings (Jeremiah 7, 26). Yet even this judgment preserved a remnant and prepared for restoration.

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What signs might indicate someone is approaching the dangerous 'no remedy' point through persistent rejection of truth?
2. How should warnings about despising God's Word motivate reverence for Scripture and responsiveness to conviction?

## Interlinear Text

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דָּבָר יְיָ וּבָזָק יְמָנָה בְּמַלְאָכִים מַלְעָבִים תְּהִלָּה  
H1961 But they mocked the messengers of God and despised his words  
H3931 H4397 H430 H959 H1697

יְהִי הַקְרָבָה עַל וְתַעֲלֵם וּמִפְעַתְעַטְעַט עַמְּךָ  
and misused his prophets arose until the wrath of the LORD  
H8591 H5030 H5704 H5927 H2534 H3068

מִרְפָּאָן לֹא יְהִי עַד בְּעַמְּךָ  
against his people till there was no remedy  
H5971 H5704 H369 H4832

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 30:10** (Parallel theme): So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

**Psalms 74:1** (References God): O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

**Proverbs 6:15** (Parallel theme): Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

**Jeremiah 32:3** (Prophecy): For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

**1 Thessalonians 4:8** (References God): He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

**Psalms 35:16** (Parallel theme): With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

**Proverbs 29:1** (Parallel theme): He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

**Ezra 5:12** (Judgment): But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.