

# Ezekiel 22:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

## Analysis

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**"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."** God's search for an intercessor echoes Abraham (Genesis 18:22-33), Moses (Exodus 32:11-14), and anticipates Christ the mediator. "Make up the hedge" (goder gader, גִּדֵּר גִּדֵּר) means repair the breach in protective walls. "Stand in the gap" (omed ba-perets, עֹמֵד בַּפֶּרֶץ) depicts one blocking the breach to prevent enemy entry. Finding none sealed judgment's necessity.

## Historical Context

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Prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel interceded (Jeremiah 14:7-9; Ezekiel 9:8) but couldn't prevent judgment—too late, sins too great. The failure to find a qualified intercessor demonstrated humanity's inadequacy to bridge the gap between holy God and sinful people. This points toward Christ, the perfect mediator (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:15) who successfully stands in the gap through His atoning sacrifice.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does seeking an intercessor but finding none illustrate humanity's inadequacy to bridge the sin-gap?
2. What does standing in the gap require that disqualified all potential human intercessors?
3. In what ways does Christ uniquely qualify as the mediator who successfully stands in the gap for us?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֶבְקֶה שׁ	מִמֶּה מִ	אֶיִשׁ	גִּדְרָם	גִּדְרָם	
And I sought	H1992	for a man	among them that should make up	the hedge	
H1245		H376	H1443	H1447	
וְעָמַד ד	בְּפֶתַח הַ	לִפְנֵי י	בְּעַד ד	הָאָרֶץ	לְבִלְתִּי י
and stand	in the gap	before	H1157	me for the land	H1115
H5975	H6556	H6440		H776	
שֶׁחֵתֵּהּ הִ	וְלֹא אֶ	מָצָאתִי:			
that I should not destroy	H3808	it but I found			
H7843		H4672			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 59:16** (Parallel theme): And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

**Jeremiah 5:1** (Parallel theme): Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

**Psalms 106:23** (Parallel theme): Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

**Isaiah 63:5** (Parallel theme): And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

**Ezekiel 13:5** (Parallel theme): Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

**Jeremiah 15:1** (Parallel theme): Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

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