

Ezekiel 30:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Howl ye, Woe worth the day!

Analysis

The command to 'Howl ye, Woe worth the day!' introduces lament language—an appropriate response to coming judgment. The emotional intensity reveals that judgment is never something God delights in (Ezekiel 18:32, 33:11). The commanded wailing shows that recognition of judgment should produce grief, not cavalier indifference.

Historical Context

Prophetic laments were common literary forms (Isaiah 13-23, Jeremiah 46-51, Amos 1-2). They served to move hearts toward repentance and prepare people emotionally for historical events.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How should awareness of coming judgment affect your emotions and priorities?

2. What does appropriate grieving over sin and judgment look like in Christian experience?

Interlinear Text

בָּן	מִן	אָדָם	הַנּוֹבָא	רֹא	אָמַר	כִּי	אָמַר	אָדָן	יְהוָה
Son	of man	prophesy	Thus saith		H3541	Thus saith	the Lord	GOD	
H1121	H120	H5012		H559		H559	H136		H3069
וְהַיְלָה	בְּהַ	לְיָמִן							
Howl	ye Woe worth	the day							
H3213	H1929	H3117							

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 13:6 (References Lord): Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Isaiah 15:2 (Parallel theme): He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.

Joel 1:11 (Parallel theme): Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

Joel 1:5 (Parallel theme): Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

Ezekiel 21:12 (Parallel theme): Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.