

Isaiah 30:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

Analysis

For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem—After exile threats, restoration is promised. The Hebrew emphasizes permanence: shall dwell (ישׁב/yashav), not merely visit but settle and abide. **Thou shalt weep no more** (בָּכָה לֹא־/bakho lo-tivkeh)—emphatic Hebrew construction: "weeping you shall not weep," absolutely no more tears. This anticipates Revelation 21:4, "God shall wipe away all tears."

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry—Chanan (gracious) appears again with intensive force. The moment you cry out (זִעְקָה/ze'aqah), the desperate shriek of anguish, **he will answer thee** (יָעַנְךָ/ya'anekka). God's response is immediate and personal. This is covenant faithfulness: God hears his people's cries (Exodus 3:7).

Historical Context

For exiles in Babylon, this promise of dwelling again in Jerusalem was precious hope. The return under Ezra and Nehemiah partially fulfilled this, but the ultimate fulfillment awaits the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3) where God dwells with his people forever. Early Christians understood this as the church age expansion to all nations and final consummation.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What 'Zion'—place of God's dwelling—are you longing to reach in your spiritual journey?
2. How does God's promise to answer your cry immediately encourage you in current struggles?
3. In what ways does this verse point you toward the hope of the New Jerusalem?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	תָּבַכְתָּ	הַ	בֵּירֶשֶׁת	מִן	יִשְׁבֶּה	בְּצִיּוֹן	עַ	כִּי	
H3808	H1058	H3389	H3427	H6726	H5971	H3588			
no more	no more	at Jerusalem	shall dwell	in Zion	For the people				

כִּי	נִחְנָן	נִחְנָן	לֹא	וְ	בְּ	שְׁמֻעָת	וְ	יַעֲשֵׂה	
H1058	H2603	H2603	H6963		H2199	H8085			
no more	gracious	gracious	unto thee at the voice		of thy cry	when he shall hear			

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:20 (Parallel theme): Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Isaiah 65:24 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Psalms 50:15 (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Isaiah 58:9 (Parallel theme): Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

Revelation 7:17 (Parallel theme): For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Isaiah 25:8 (Parallel theme): He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Luke 6:21 (Parallel theme): Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Isaiah 65:9 (Parallel theme): And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Jeremiah 33:3 (Parallel theme): Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 31:12 (Parallel theme): Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.