

# Isaiah 33:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

## Analysis

**Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without** (הֵן אֶרְאֶלֶם צָעַקּוּ חֹצֶה) hen er'elam tsa'aqu chutsah)—their (אֶרְאֶלֶם) er'elam, heroes, valiant ones) cry out (צָעַקּ, tsa'aq) חֹצֶה (chutsah, outside, in the streets). **The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly** (מֶלֶךְ שָׁלוֹם מַר יְבָקַעַן) mal'akhey shalom mar yibkayun)—messengers of shalom (shalom, peace) weep (מַר, bakhah) (mar, bitterly).

This describes the crisis moment—Assyria's siege has terrified even Judah's heroes. The 'valiant ones' (possibly Hezekiah's soldiers or leading men) cry publicly, and peace negotiators weep bitterly. Second Kings 18:17-37 records Assyria's propaganda assault; Isaiah 36 shows Rabshakeh's intimidation tactics. Even brave men wept at the hopelessness. The 'ambassadors of peace' may be those Hezekiah sent to negotiate (2 Kings 18:14-16), who returned empty-handed after Sennacherib rejected tribute and demanded total surrender.

## Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern sieges involved psychological warfare—intimidation, threats, propaganda. Sennacherib's field commander mocked Judah's God, proclaimed Egypt's unreliability, and promised exile (Isaiah 36:4-20). Even experienced warriors could be demoralized. Hezekiah's tribute payment (2 Kings 18:14-16) failed to satisfy Assyria—the ambassadors returned weeping, their peace mission failed. Only divine intervention would save Jerusalem.

## Related Passages

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

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. When have circumstances been so dire that even 'valiant ones' cried and peace efforts failed?
2. How does recognizing the depth of crisis make God's deliverance more glorious?
3. What situations make you weep bitterly, and how can you turn that desperation into prayer?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵרֶאָלִים  
H2005      Behold their valiant ones      H691

וְצַעֲקָה  
H6817      shall cry      H2351

מַלְאָכִים  
H4397      without the ambassadors      H7965

בְּרִכּוֹת  
H4751      bitterly      H1058      shall weep

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 36:22** (Parallel theme): Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

**2 Kings 18:18** (Parallel theme): And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

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