

# Jeremiah 10:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.

## Analysis

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This verse voices lament: 'Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous.' The Hebrew *oi-li* (אֵי-לִי, woe to me) is a cry of anguish; *makka* (מַכָּה, wound, blow) indicates injury. The speaker may be Jeremiah, personified Jerusalem, or the community. 'But I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.' The Hebrew *choli* (חֹלִי, sickness, grief) and *nasa* (נָשָׂא, bear, carry) express resigned acceptance of suffering. Unlike earlier complaints, this voice acknowledges the necessity of enduring judgment—recognition that the wound is deserved and must be borne.

## Historical Context

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This lament may represent exilic community's growing acceptance of their situation—moving from denial and protest to recognition that judgment must be endured. The theology of Lamentations similarly combines anguished protest with acknowledged justice. Jeremiah's counsel to exiles (chapter 29) encouraged acceptance and constructive living during the seventy-year sentence.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the acknowledgment 'I must bear it' represent growth from denial to acceptance of divine discipline?
2. What role does accepting deserved consequences play in the restoration process?

## Interlinear Text

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אֲנִי	לִי	עַל	שִׁבְרִי	נֶחֱלָה	מַכָּתִי	וְאָנֹכִי	אָמַרְתִּי
Woe	H0	H5921	is me for my hurt	is grievous	my wound	H589	but I said
H188			H7667	H2470	H4347		H559
אֲנִי	זֶה	חֵלְלִי	וְאֶשָּׂאנוּ:				
Truly	H2088	this is a grief	and I must bear				
H389		H2483	H5375				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Micah 7:9** (Parallel theme): I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

**Psalms 39:9** (Parallel theme): I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

**Jeremiah 14:17** (Parallel theme): Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

**Jeremiah 4:31** (Parallel theme): For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

