

# Jeremiah 14:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion?  
why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we  
looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of  
healing, and behold trouble!

## Analysis

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The prayer continues, appealing to God's covenant relationship: 'Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion?' The questions seek clarification: is this temporary discipline or final rejection? The evidence suggests rejection: 'why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?' They sought shalom but 'there is no good,' sought healing but 'behold trouble!' This prayer wrestles with the tension between God's covenant promises and present judgment. The questions reflect theological confusion: how can covenant God utterly reject His people? The Reformed doctrine of remnant provides the answer: corporate judgment doesn't negate particular election.

## Historical Context

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Despite coming judgment, God promised eventual restoration after 70 years (Jeremiah 29:10-14). Corporate judgment on that generation didn't mean eternal rejection of all Israel; a remnant would return.

## Related Passages

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

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

### Study Questions

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1. How do we distinguish between God's temporary discipline and permanent rejection?
2. What is the relationship between corporate judgment and individual election?
3. How should covenant promises inform prayer during times of severe discipline?

### Interlinear Text

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מָא סָתָּ	מָא סָתָּ	אֶת	יְהוּדָה	אִם	בְּצִיּוֹן	הָ	גָּעַלָּהּ
Hast thou utterly	Hast thou utterly	H853	Judah	H518	Zion		lothed
H3988	H3988		H3063		H6726		H1602
נַפְשְׁךָ	מִדּוּעַ	הִכִּיתָנוּ	וְאֵין	לָנוּ	מִרְפֵּי	אֵל	
hath thy soul	H4069	why hast thou smitten	H369	H0	of healing		
H5315		H5221			H4832		
קָמוּ	לְשָׁלוֹם	וְאֵין	טוֹב	וְלֵעֵת			
for us we looked	for peace	H369	and there is no good	and for the time			
H6960	H7965		H2896	H6256			
מִרְפֵּי	וְהִנֵּה	בָּעָתָה:					
of healing	H2009	and behold trouble					
H4832		H1205					

### Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 8:15** (Peace): We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

**Lamentations 5:22** (Parallel theme): But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

**Jeremiah 6:30** (Parallel theme): Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

**1 Thessalonians 5:3** (Peace): For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

**Psalms 78:59** (Parallel theme): When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

**Job 30:26** (Good): When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

**Jeremiah 15:18** (Parallel theme): Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

**Jeremiah 30:13** (Parallel theme): There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

**Jeremiah 12:8** (Parallel theme): Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.