

# Jeremiah 15:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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This verse describes maternal devastation: 'She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day.' A woman who bore seven children—symbol of complete blessing (Ruth 4:15, 1 Samuel 2:5)—now 'languishes' (amlela). 'Given up the ghost' (naphcha nafshah) means she has expired—mother dies after children. 'Her sun is gone down while yet day'—premature end, life cut short when it should continue. 'She hath been ashamed and confounded' (boshah vechaphera). 'And the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.' Any survivors face further sword judgment. The imagery is of complete family destruction—mothers and children, blessing reversed to curse.

## Historical Context

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Seven children represented covenant blessing (Deuteronomy 28:4, 11); losing them all represented covenant curse (Deuteronomy 28:18, 32, 41). Siege conditions produced exactly this: mothers watching children starve, die of disease, or fall to enemy swords. Lamentations 2:11-12, 19-20 describes mothers and children dying together during Jerusalem's siege.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does the mother of seven losing everything symbolize blessing-to-curse reversal?
2. What does 'sun going down while yet day' express about premature, unexpected tragedy?

## Interlinear Text

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אִמָּלֵלָהּ languisheth H535	יֵלְדָתָהּ She that hath borne H3205	שִׁבְעָה seven H7651	נָתַתָּהּ she hath given up H5301	נֶפֶשׁ הָאֵל the ghost H5315	בָּאָה is gone H935
שֶׁמֶשׁ הָאֵל her sun H8121	בָּעַד יוֹמָהּ down while it was yet day H5750 H3119	בָּאֵשׁ she hath been ashamed H954			
וְהָיָה and confounded H2659	וְהָיָה and the residue H7611	לִפְנֵי to the sword H2719	אֶתָּה of them will I deliver H5414	לִפְנֵי before H6440	
אֹיְבֵיהֶם their enemies H341	נָאֵם saith H5002	יְהוָה: the LORD H3068			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 2:5** (Parallel theme): They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

**Isaiah 47:9** (Parallel theme): But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

**Lamentations 1:1** (Parallel theme): How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

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