

# Jeremiah 25:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This vision of *kôs hayyayin hahēmâ* (כּוֹס הַיָּיִן הַחֶמֶת, the wine cup of fury/wrath) introduces one of Scripture's most powerful symbols for divine judgment. The cup represents God's righteous anger against sin, which must be consumed fully. The imagery appears throughout Scripture—Psalms 75:8, Isaiah 51:17-23, Habakkuk 2:16, and crucially in Gethsemane when Jesus prayed 'let this cup pass from me' (Matthew 26:39).

Jeremiah functions as priest administering this cup to the nations—a symbolic prophetic act representing God's judicial sentence. The phrase 'el-kol-haggôyim 'ăsher 'ānōkî shôlêah 'ôtêkâ 'ălêhem (אל-כל-הגוים אשר אני שלח אתך אליהם) to all the nations to whom I send you) emphasizes God's universal sovereignty. He judges not only covenant-breaking Israel but all nations according to their response to His moral law written on human conscience (Romans 1:18-32, 2:14-16). At the cross, Christ drank this cup fully on behalf of sinners (Mark 10:38-39), exhausting divine wrath against all who trust in Him.

## Historical Context

This vision came during the fourth year of Jehoiakim (605 BC), the same year as Nebuchadnezzar's rise and the Battle of Carchemish. The 'cup of wrath' would be

administered through Babylon's conquests over the next decades. The vision's symbolic nature (Jeremiah didn't literally travel to all these nations with a physical cup) represents the prophetic word going forth to pronounce judgment. The list of nations in verses 18-26 encompasses the entire ancient Near East, demonstrating God's comprehensive sovereignty.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does the 'cup of wrath' imagery help us understand what Jesus endured at the cross when He bore God's judgment for sin?
2. What does God's judgment extending to 'all nations' teach about universal moral accountability before the Creator?
3. How should the certainty of divine judgment on all unrighteousness shape our evangelistic urgency and personal holiness?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	אָמַר	יְהִי	אֱלֹהָי	אֱלֹהֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶלָּי	לְכִי
H3588	H3541	H559	For thus saith	the LORD	God	of Israel	H413
				H3068	H430	H3478	unto me Take
אַתָּה	כִּי	כִּי	כִּי	כִּי	כִּי	כִּי	אַתָּה
H853	cup	the wine	of this fury	at my hand	thee to drink	H8248	H853
H3563	H3196	H2534	H2063	H3027			
אַתָּה	כָּל	כָּל	כָּל	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה
H853	H3605	and cause all the nations	H1471	H834	H595	to whom I send	H853
						H7971	
אליהם:							
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 75:8** (References Lord): For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

**Isaiah 51:17** (References Lord): Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

**Revelation 14:10** (References God): The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

**Job 21:20** (Parallel theme): His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

**Isaiah 51:22** (References God): Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

