

# Jeremiah 30:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

## Analysis

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**There is none to plead thy cause** (אין דין, 'ein dan dinekh')—Israel stands utterly alone in her distress, with no advocate (דין, 'dan', legal defender) to plead her case. The metaphor shifts to medical hopelessness: **no healing medicines** (רפואות תעלה, 'refu'ot te'alah', literally 'remedies for new flesh'). This depicts the exile as both judicial condemnation and terminal illness.

Yet this very hopelessness prepares for God's sovereign intervention—when human remedies fail, divine grace alone can heal. Christ becomes our ultimate advocate (παράκλητος, 1 John 2:1) and great physician (Luke 5:31), healing wounds no earthly remedy could touch.

## Historical Context

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Written during the Babylonian siege (588-586 BC), this verse captures Jerusalem's total abandonment by her former political allies (Egypt, surrounding nations) who could not or would not help against Nebuchadnezzar's armies.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## Study Questions

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1. When have you experienced spiritual hopelessness where no human remedy could help?
2. How does recognizing Christ as your advocate change how you approach God in times of guilt and shame?
3. What 'healing medicines' do people today trust in instead of seeking God's restoration?

## Interlinear Text

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אֵין	יֵד	דִּינֵי הַ	לְמַז וְ	רְפָא וְ
H369				
There is none to plead thy cause that thou mayest be bound up medicines				
	H1777	H1779	H4205	H7499
תְּעַל הַ	אֵין	לָהּ:		
	H369	H0		
thou hast no healing				
H8585				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 46:11** (Parallel theme): Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.

**Jeremiah 8:22** (Parallel theme): Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

**Jeremiah 33:6** (Parallel theme): Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

**Jeremiah 30:17** (Parallel theme): For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.