

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

There is none to plead thy cause (אֵין דָן דִינָך, 'ein dan dinekh')—Israel stands utterly alone in her distress, with no advocate (דָן, 'dan', legal defender) to plead her case. The metaphor shifts to medical hopelessness: **no healing medicines** (רְפָאֹות טָעַלָה, '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

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

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

אֵין	לֹא	צִדְקוֹתֶךָ	לֹמֶז וּרְ	רַפָּא וּתְ
H369	There is none to plead	thy cause	that thou mayest be bound up	medicines
	H1777	H1779	H4205	H7499
תְּנַשֵּׁל הָ	אֵין	לֹא:		
thou hast no healing	H369	H0		
	H8585			

Additional Cross-References

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.