

Jeremiah 30:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

Analysis

Why criest thou for thine affliction? (מָה תִּזְעַק עַל שִׁבְרֶךָ, 'mah tiz'ak al shivrech') —God's rhetorical question confronts Israel's self-pity. The answer is devastating: **thy sorrow is incurable** (אָנוּשׁ מַכְה'וֹעֵחַ, 'anush makh'ovech', literally 'your pain is desperate/mortal').

The phrase **I have done these things unto thee** affirms divine sovereignty in judgment—Babylon is merely God's instrument. Yet the repetition of 'multitude of thine iniquity' (רַב פְּשָׁעֶיךָ) points toward hope: if sin's abundance brought judgment, grace's abundance (Rom 5:20) will bring restoration. The 'incurable' wound requires supernatural healing only God can provide.

Historical Context

Jerusalem's suffering in the siege and exile seemed endless—famine, violence, deportation, temple destruction. Many questioned whether restoration was even possible after such catastrophic judgment.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Do you ever complain about consequences while refusing to acknowledge the sin that caused them?
2. How does understanding God's sovereignty in your trials change your response to suffering?
3. What 'incurable' spiritual wounds in your life require God's miraculous intervention?

Interlinear Text

מָה	תִּזְעַק	עַל	שִׁבְרֵךָ	אֲנִי וְשׁ	מִכְאַבֶּךָ	עַל
H4100	Why criest	H5921	thou for thine affliction	is incurable	thy sorrow	H5921
	H2199		H7667	H605	H4341	
רַב	עוֹנֵיךָ	עֲצָמוֹ	חַטֹּאתֶיךָ	עָשִׂיתִי		
for the multitude	of thine iniquity	were increased	because thy sins	I have done		
H7230	H5771	H6105	H2403	H6213		
לָךְ:	אֵל לָהּ					
	H428	H0				

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 30:14 (Sin): All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

Jeremiah 30:12 (Parallel theme): For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.