

# 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?** (מַה תִּזְעַק עַל שְׁבָרֶךָ) 'mah tiz'ak al shivrech')—God's rhetorical question confronts Israel's self-pity. The answer is devastating: **thy sorrow is incurable** (אָנוֹשׁ מַקְאָבֶךָ) '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 שְׁעָרָךְ) 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

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

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

## Study Questions

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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

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עַל מִכְאֵבךְ אָנָּךְ וְשָׁבַב בְּנֵי תְּזַעַק עַל מִכְאֵבךְ אָנָּךְ וְשָׁבַב בְּנֵי תְּזַעַק  
H4100 Why criest H5921 thou for thine affliction is incurable thy sorrow H5921  
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עֲשֵׂה יְהִי סְפָטָאת יְהִי רַב עֲזָמָיו עֲזָמָיו בְּנֵי תְּזַעַק כִּי  
for the multitude of thine iniquity were increased because thy sins I have done  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.