

Jeremiah 4:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

Analysis

Detailed theological analysis of Jeremiah 4:31 with Hebrew word studies, doctrinal significance, and connections to broader biblical themes. This would reference original language terms, explain theological concepts, and show how the verse fits into redemptive history and points to Christ.

Historical Context

Historical and cultural context for Jeremiah 4:31, including the time period during Jeremiah's ministry (627-586 BC), the political situation with Babylon's rise to power, and how this verse relates to Judah's covenant unfaithfulness and coming judgment.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Jeremiah 4:31 challenge your understanding of God's character and His dealings with His people?
2. What practical application can you draw from Jeremiah 4:31 for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

כִּי H3588	קוֹל H6963	בְּחוֹלָה H2470	שָׁמַעַתִּי H8085	צָרָה H6869			
	a voice	as of a woman in travail	For I have heard	and the anguish			
		כַּמְבַּכִּיָּה H1069	קוֹל H6963	בֵּת H1323	צִיּוֹן H6726		
		as of her that bringeth forth her first child	a voice	of the daughter	of Zion		
	תִּתְיַפֵּה H3306	תִּפְרֹשׂ H6566	כַּף יָדָהּ H3709	אָוִי H188	אֶל H4994	לִי H0	כִּי H3588
	that bewaileth	herself that spreadeth	her hands	saying Woe			
	עֵיפָה H5888	נִפְשִׁי H5315	לְהַרְגִים H2026				
	is wearied	is me now! for my soul	because of murderers				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:15 (Parallel theme): And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Lamentations 1:17 (Parallel theme): Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

Jeremiah 13:21 (Parallel theme): What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

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