

# Jeremiah 45:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

## Analysis

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Baruch laments 'Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow.' Faithful service often brings grief rather than reward. Baruch served as Jeremiah's scribe for decades, sharing his suffering and rejection. His honest lament acknowledges the cost of prophetic ministry. God doesn't rebuke his grief but redirects his expectations.

## Historical Context

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This word came to Baruch after he had written Jeremiah's prophecies (in the fourth year of Jehoiakim - around 605 BC). The burden of the prophetic message weighed on him.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you handle the grief that sometimes accompanies faithful service?
2. What does God's response to Baruch teach about honest lament?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Thou didst say</b> H559	<b>Woe</b> H188	H4994	H0	H3588	<b>hath added</b> H3254	<b>is me now! for the LORD</b> H3068		
<b>grief</b> H3015	<b>to my sorrow</b> H4341		<b>I fainted</b> H3021	<b>in my sighing</b> H585	<b>no rest</b> H4496	<b>and I find</b> H4672	מִצְאָתִים	לֹא וְמִנוּעַ הַבְּאָנוּתִים יְגַעַת עַל יְגַעַת

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 4:1** (Parallel theme): Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

**2 Corinthians 4:16** (Parallel theme): For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

**Galatians 6:9** (Parallel theme): And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

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