

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

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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

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

אָמַרְתָּ	אָוִי	נָא	לִי	כִּי	יָסַף	יְהוָה
Thou didst say	Woe				hath added	is me now! for the LORD
H559	H188	H4994	H0	H3588	H3254	H3068
וְגֵן	עַל	מִכָּאֲבִי	יָגַעְתִּי	בְּאַנְחֹתַי	וּמְנוּחַ	לֹא
grief		to my sorrow	I fainted	in my sighing	no rest	
H3015	H5921	H4341	H3021	H585	H4496	H3808
						and I find
						H4672

Additional Cross-References

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.