

# Jeremiah 7:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

## Analysis

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The prophetic consequence: 'Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.' The site of child sacrifice will become a mass grave. The ironic justice: where they slaughtered their children, they themselves will be slaughtered and buried en masse. The phrase 'till there be no place' suggests overwhelming casualties. This demonstrates the principle of measure-for-measure justice: the punishment fits the crime. The valley that witnessed innocent blood will witness guilty blood.

## Historical Context

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During and after the Babylonian siege, massive casualties required mass burial sites. The valley of Hinnom became associated with death and judgment, giving rise to 'Gehenna' as hell's name.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's justice often involve experiencing the natural consequences of our sins?
2. What does the transformation of Tophet teach about God's poetic justice?
3. How should the principle of measure-for-measure judgment inform our ethical decisions?

## Interlinear Text

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לֵךְ	הִנֵּה	יָמֵי	בָּאִים	נָאֻם	יְהוָה	אֵלֹהִים
H3651	H2009	H3117	H935	H5002	H3068	H3808
	Therefore behold the days	come	saith	the LORD		
	יֵאָמֵר	עַד	בֵּית כֶּתֶם	גַּם	בֵּן	
	H559	H5750	H8612	H1516	H1121	
	that it shall no more be called	Tophet	but the valley	of the son		
הַנֵּם	כִּי	אֵם	גַּם	הַהֲרֹגָה	וְקָבְרוּ	בֵּית כֶּתֶם
H2011	H3588	H518	H1516	H2028	H6912	H8612
of Hinnom		but the valley	of slaughter	for they shall bury	Tophet	
יֵאָמֵר	מָקוֹם:					
H369	H4725					
till there be no	place					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 19:11** (References Lord): And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

**Jeremiah 19:6** (References Lord): Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

**2 Kings 23:10** (Parallel theme): And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

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