

Lamentations 3:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

Analysis

God as archer with speaker as target. Job 6:4, 16:12-13 use similar imagery. Divine arrows represent judgments that pierce deeply.

Historical Context

Arrows were primary ancient weapons. Inescapable (Psalm 38:2, Deuteronomy 32:23, Ezekiel 5:16).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do we respond when it feels like God Himself opposes us?
2. How did Christ become the target of divine arrows meant for us (Isaiah 53:4-5)?

Interlinear Text

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He hath bent	his bow	and set	me as a mark	for the arrow
H1869	H7198	H5324	H4307	H2671

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 38:2 (Parallel theme): For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

Job 7:20 (Parallel theme): I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

Job 6:4 (Parallel theme): For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

Lamentations 2:4 (Parallel theme): He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.