

Lamentations 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

Analysis

Arrows pierce kidneys (vital organs). Judgment strikes at core of life. Yet God is precise surgeon, not random destroyer.

Historical Context

Ancient warfare aimed for vital organs. Divine judgment is precise, purposeful, not arbitrary.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What vital areas might discipline target to bring necessary change?
2. How does the metaphor of arrows piercing the heart reveal the personal nature of divine discipline?

3. In what ways can God's piercing judgments ultimately serve redemptive purposes?

Interlinear Text

הָבִיא	בְּכַלְיוֹתַי	בְּנִי	אֲשַׁפְּתוֹ:
to enter	into my reins	He hath caused the arrows	of his quiver
H935	H3629	H1121	H827

Additional Cross-References

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.

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