

# Lamentations 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

## Analysis

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Strength and hope perished—nadir before turning. Darkest before dawn. Despair precedes hope in structure.

## Historical Context

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Many in exile died without seeing restoration. Yet their children returned—promises delayed but certain.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. When strength and hope fail, where do we turn?
2. What does the death of hope reveal about the depths of spiritual despair?
3. How does this honest expression of failed hope prepare the way for verses 21-26's renewed confidence?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאָמַר	אֶבֶד	נִצָּחִי	וְתוֹמָלִתִּי	מִיְהוָה:
And I said	is perished	My strength	and my hope	from the LORD
H559	H6	H5331	H8431	H3068

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 17:15** (Hope): And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

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