

# Lamentations 4:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

## Analysis

**Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom** (שִׂישִׁי וְשִׂמְחִי בַת־עֲדוֹם, sisi vesimchi bat-Edom)—This is biting irony, even sarcasm. Edom rejoiced at Jerusalem's fall (Psalm 137:7; Obadiah 1:12), but their celebration is premature. **The cup also shall pass through unto thee** (גַּם־עֲלֶיךָ תַעֲבֹר־כּוֹס, gam-alayikh ta'avor-kos)—'the cup' refers to God's wrath (Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-29). Edom's turn is coming. **Thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked** (תִּשְׁכְּרִי וְתִתְעָרִי, tishkeri vetit'ari)—imagery of judgment-induced shame. Edom's gloating over Israel's humiliation will be repaid in kind. This prophetic irony vindicates divine justice.

## Historical Context

Edom, descended from Esau (Jacob's brother), harbored ancestral hatred toward Israel. When Babylon besieged Jerusalem, Edom aided the enemy, plundered refugees, and celebrated the city's fall. Obadiah and Psalm 137 detail their treachery. Edom was later conquered by Nabateans (4th century BC) and eventually disappeared as a people—the 'cup' passed to them indeed.

## Related Passages

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

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. Have you ever celebrated another's downfall, only to later experience similar judgment yourself? What does this teach about schadenfreude?
2. How does this prophetic irony demonstrate that God will vindicate His people even when their discipline seems to give enemies grounds for mockery?

## Interlinear Text

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שִׂי	וְשִׂמְחִי	בֵּת	אֶדֹם	יוֹשֵׁבָתִי	בְּאֶרֶץ	עֵז
Rejoice	and be glad	O daughter	of Edom	that dwellest	in the land	of Uz
H7797	H8055	H1323	H123	H3427	H776	H5780
גַּם	עַל יָרֵךְ	תַּעֲבֹר	כּוֹס	תִּשְׁכָּר י'		
H1571	H5921	also shall pass	the cup	through unto thee thou shalt be drunken		
		H5674	H3563	H7937		
וְתִתְּעָרִי:						
and shalt make thyself naked						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 16:15** (Parallel theme): Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**Job 1:1** (Parallel theme): There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

**Amos 1:11** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did

pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

**Psalms 137:7** (Parallel theme): Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

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