

Lamentations 5:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.

Analysis

Paying for water and wood—basic necessities commodified. In own land, forced to buy what should be free.

Historical Context

Babylonian occupation meant former landowners paid occupiers for resources from their own land.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does losing free access to blessings teach gratitude?
2. What is the significance of having to purchase water and wood that should be freely available?
3. How does this reversal of natural provision illustrate the totality of Jerusalem's subjugation?

Interlinear Text

מִיַּם יָנוּ	בְּכֶסֶף	שָׁתָנוּ	עֵץ יָנוּ	בְּמֶחָיִר	יָבֵאוּ:
our water	for money	We have drunken	our wood	H4242	is sold
H4325	H3701	H8354	H6086		H935

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 3:1 (Parallel theme): For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

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