

Rachel Weeps

Jeremiah 31:15-17 15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in **Ramah**, lamentation, and bitter weeping (*ḥekîy*); **Rachel weeping (*ḥâkâ*) for her children** refused to be comforted (*nâḥam*) for her children, because they were not. 16 **Thus saith the LORD (YHWH)**; Refrain thy voice from weeping (*ḥekîy*), and thine eyes (*‘ayin*) from tears: **for thy work shall be rewarded**, saith the LORD; and **they shall come again from the land of the enemy**. 17 **And there is hope (*tiqwâ* - chord, expectancy), in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again (*šûb* - turn back, return) to their own border.**

15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in **Ramah**

Significance of Ramah

- Border between Southern kingdom (Judah) and Northern kingdom (Israel)
- Deborah - Judges 4:4-9 ~ judged, prophesied, warfare strategy
- Rachel gives birth to Benjamin/dies in childbirth, then buried in Ramah near Bethlehem
- Hannah conceives, Samuel's birthplace, death/burial in Ramah - 1 Samuel 1:15-20; 25:1
- Samuel ~ place of function as prophet/judge - 1 Samuel 7:15-17
- School of prophets established - 1 Samuel 19:18-24
- The staging area of *Babylonian (and Assyrian) captivity*
- Place where Jeremiah was set free during captivity - Jeremiah 40:1-6

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Weeping

- **Hannah**

1 Samuel 1:10-11 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and **prayed** (*pālal*) unto the LORD, and **wept** (*ḥâkâ*) sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

- **Esther**

Esther 8:3-7 3 And Esther **spake** (*dâḥar*) yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought (*ḥânan*) him with **tears** (*ḥâkâ*) to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. 4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,... 7 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

- **Valley of Weeping**

Psalms 84:4-7 4 *Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.* 5 *Blessed is the man whose strength ('ôz) is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.* 6 *Who passing through the **valley of Baca** make it a **well** (ma'yân); the **rain** (môreh) also filleth the pools (berâkâ).* 7 *They go from strength (ḥaiyl) to strength (ḥaiyl), every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.*

'ôz – from moaz meaning stronghold, capturing and applying the creative inspiration of divine wisdom and miraculous direction

ma'yân, from 'ayin – fountain, spring, flow

môreh – from yara – flow as water, point out, teach - teacher

berâkâ – blessing

haiyl – as mighty men, from chuwl, partnering with His ways in restoration

- **Jesus Wept**

John 11:33-35 *When Jesus therefore saw her weeping (klaiō), and the Jews also weeping (klaiō) which came with her, he groaned (embrimaomai) in the spirit, and was troubled (tarassō), 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 **Jesus wept** (dakryō).*

dakryō; from 1144; to shed tears: — weep, cry silently.

klaiō; to sob, wail aloud - bewail, weep. Equivalent of OT baka.

John 11:4 *When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*

2 Corinthians 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*

- **Jesus Wept x2**

Luke 19:41-44 41 *And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and **wept** (klaiō) over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*

...refused to be **comforted** (nâcham), because they were not.

nâcham - to sigh, or to breath hard after the needs of God on behalf of His intended purpose, to see it restored. God's intent is always for us to minister and partner with Him and His intent for restoration.

16 Thus says Yahweh, **Refrain thy voice from weeping** (*ḥēkîy*), and thine eyes (*‘ayin* – synonyms with NT *phraō*) **from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded**, saith the LORD:

‘ayin (eyes) – synonymous with Greek *phraō*, (root of *phren*), which means **to rein in or curb, thru the measure of the spirit within**.

phrēn - midriff, diaphragm areas, where our breathing is controlled, place of feelings, sensitivities, mind, cognitive faculties, our understanding, parts of the heart, where we connect and draw deep in spirit, where we tap the well, water supply, river of His Spirit and partner with the ways of God, where our thoughts are reined in, gain spiritual wisdom and understanding, then to **release or prophetically articulate it according to His divine ways and plan**.

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“Then Was Fulfilled” - Jesus

Matthew 2:16-18 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and **slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. 17 **Then was fulfilled** (*plēroō* – full potential realized) that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping (*klauthmos*), and great mourning, **Rachel weeping** (*klaiō*) **for her children**, and would not be **comforted** (*parakaleō*), because they are not.

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.