

## ~WEEPING (479)

- An expression of strong emotion, such as grief, by shedding tears. Both men and women of the past, including mighty warriors like David, wept, not considering it a sign of weakness.
- Consequently he turned away from them and began to weep. Then he returned to them and spoke to them and took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. ([Genesis 42:24](#))
- Joseph was now in a hurry, because his inward emotions were excited toward his brother, so that he looked for a place to weep and he went into an interior room and gave way to tears there. ([Genesis 43:30](#))
- And he began to raise his voice in **weeping**, so that the Egyptians got to hear it and Pharaoh's house got to hear it. ([Genesis 45:2](#))
- Finally Joseph said to his brothers; I am Joseph. Is my father still alive? But his brothers were unable to answer him at all, because they were disturbed by reason of him. ([Genesis 45:3](#))
- Then he fell upon the neck of Benjamin his brother and gave way to **weeping**, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ([Genesis 45:14](#))
- And he proceeded to kiss all his brothers and to weep over them, and after that his brothers spoke with him. ([Genesis 45:15](#))
- Then Joseph had his chariot made ready and went up to meet Israel his father at Goshen. When he appeared to him he at once fell upon his neck and gave way to tears upon his neck again and again. ([Genesis 46:29](#))
- May Yehowah make a gift to you, and do you find a resting-place each one in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they began to raise their voices and **weep**. ([Ruth 1:9](#))
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- Certainly I have wept for the one having a hard day, my soul has grieved for the poor one. (Job 30:25)
- I have grown weary with my sighing, all night long I make my couch swim, with my tears I make my own divan overflow. (Psalms 6:6)
- From vexation my eye has become weak, it has grown old because of all those showing hostility to me. (Psalms 6:7)
- Get away from me, all you practicers of what is hurtful, for Yehowah will certainly hear the sound of my weeping. (Psalms 6:8)
- The death of a loved one or a friend was one of the chief causes for weeping.
- Then the king became disturbed and went up to the roof chamber over the gateway and gave way to weeping, and this is what he said as he walked; My son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! O that I might have died, I myself, instead of you, Absalom my son, my son! (2 Samuel 18:33)
- And the king himself covered up his face, and the king continued crying out with a loud voice; My son Absalom! Absalom my son, my son! (2 Samuel 19:4)
- Closely following this he traveled to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were traveling with him. (Luke 7:11)
- As he got near the gate of the city, why, look! There was a dead man being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother. Besides, she was a widow. A considerable crowd from the city was also with her. (Luke 7:12)
- And when the Lord caught sight of her, he was moved with pity for her, and he said to her; Stop weeping. (Luke 7:13)
- With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you, Get up! (Luke 7:14)

- And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. (Luke 7:15)
- While he was yet speaking, a certain representative of the presiding officer of the synagogue came, saying; Your daughter has died, do not bother the teacher any longer. (Luke 8:49)
- On hearing this, Jesus answered him; Have no fear, only put forth faith, and she will be saved. (Luke 8:50)
- When he reached the house he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter and John and James and the girl's father and mother. (Luke 8:51)
- But people were all weeping and beating themselves in grief for her. So he said; Stop weeping, for she did not die but is sleeping. (Luke 8:52)
- At this they began to laugh at him scornfully, because they knew she had died. (Luke 8:53)
- But he took her by the hand and called, saying; Girl, get up! (Luke 8:54)
- And her spirit returned, and she rose instantly, and he ordered something to be given her to eat. (Luke 8:55)
- Well, her parents were beside themselves, but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened. (Luke 8:56)
- Mary, however, kept standing outside near the memorial tomb, weeping. Then, while she was weeping, she stooped forward to look into the memorial tomb (John 20:11)
- And she viewed two angels in white sitting one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been lying. (John 20:12)
- And they said to her; Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them; They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have laid him. (John 20:13)
- After saying these things, she turned back and viewed Jesus

standing, but she did not discern it was Jesus. (John 20:14)

- Jesus said to her; Woman, why are you **weeping**? Whom are you looking for? She, imagining it was the gardener, said to him; Sir, if you have carried him off, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. (John 20:15)
- And the death of respected and beloved individuals might give rise to national **weeping**.
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- Jesus said to her; Mary! Upon turning around, she said to him, in Hebrew; Rabboni! Which means Teacher! (John 20:16)
- Jesus said to her; Stop clinging to me. For I have not yet ascended to the Father. But be on your way to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father and to my God and your God. (John 20:17)
- Mary Magdalene came and brought the news to the disciples; I have seen the Lord! And that he said these things to her. (John 20:18)
- Long periods sometimes being devoted to such expression of grief.
- Then Joseph fell upon the face of his father and burst into tears over him and kissed him. (Genesis 50:1)
- After that Joseph commanded his servants, the physicians, to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. (Genesis 50:2)
- And they took fully forty days for him, for this many days they customarily take for the embalming, and the Egyptians continued to shed tears for him seventy days. (Genesis 50:3)
- Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is in the region of the Jordan, and there they carried on a very great and heavy wailing and he kept up the mourning rites for his father

seven days. (**Genesis 50:10**)

- And the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, got to see the mourning rites in the threshing floor of Atad, and they exclaimed; This is a heavy mourning for the Egyptians! That is why its name was called Abelmizraim, which is in the region of the Jordan. (**Genesis 50:11**)
- And all the assembly got to see that Aaron had expired, and all the house of Israel continued **weeping** for Aaron thirty days. (**Numbers 20:29**)
- And the sons of Israel proceeded to weep for Moses on the desert plains of Moab thirty days. At length the days of **weeping** of the mourning period for Moses were completed. (**Deuteronomy 34:8**)
- Other circumstances that occasioned **weeping** were defeat in warfare.
- Then the Amorites who were dwelling in that mountain came out to meet you and went chasing you, just as bees do, and scattering you in Seir as far as Hormah. (**Deuteronomy 1:44**)
- After that you returned and began to weep before Yehowah, but Yehowah did not listen to your voice, neither did he give ear to you. (**Deuteronomy 1:45**)
- This is what Yehowah has said; In Ramah a voice is being heard, lamentation and bitter **weeping**, Rachel weeping over her sons. She has refused to be comforted over her sons, because they are no more. (**Jeremiah 31:15**)
- Over these things I am **weeping** as a woman. My eye, my eye is running down with waters. For a comforter has become far away from me, someone to refresh my soul. My sons have become those laid desolate, for the enemy has put on great airs. (**Lamentations 1:16**)
- Captivity
- By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. We also wept when we remembered Zion. (**Psalms 137:1**)
- Oppression

- **And I myself returned that I might see all the acts of oppression that are being done under the sun, and, look! The tears of those being oppressed, but they had no comforter, and on the side of their oppressors there was power, so that they had no comforter. (Ecclesiastes 4:1)**
- **Great calamity,**
- **And there was a sending of the letters by means of couriers to all the kings jurisdictional districts, to annihilate, to kill and to destroy all the Jews, young man as well as old man, little ones and women, on one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, and to plunder the spoil of them. (Esther 3:13)**
- **A copy of the writing to be given as Law in all the different jurisdictional districts was being published to all the peoples, for them to become ready for this day. (Esther 3:14)**
- **And Mordecai himself got knowledge of everything that had been done, and Mordecai proceeded to rip his garments apart and put on sackcloth and ashes and go out into the middle of the city and cry out with a loud and bitter outcry. (Esther 4:1)**
- **Finally he came as far as in front of the kings gate, for no one was to come into the kings gate in clothing of sackcloth. (Esther 4:2)**
- **And in all the different jurisdictional districts, wherever the kings word and his Law were reaching, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting and **weeping** and wailing. Sackcloth and ashes themselves came to be spread out as a couch for many. (Esther 4:3)**
- **And Esther's young women and her eunuchs began to come in and tell her. And the queen was very much pained. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and to remove his sackcloth off him. And he did not accept them. (Esther 4:4)**
- **And remorse over sin.**
- **Now as soon as Ezra had prayed and he had made confession while **weeping** and lying prostrate before the house of the true**

God, those of Israel collected themselves together to him, a very large congregation, men and women and children, for the people had wept profusely. (**Ezra 10:1**)

- Then Shecaniah the son of Jehiel of the sons of Elam answered and said to Ezra; We, we have acted unfaithfully against our God, so that we gave a dwelling to foreign wives from the peoples of the land. Yet now there exists a hope for Israel concerning this. (**Ezra 10:2**)
- And now let us conclude a covenant with our God to put away all the wives and those born from them according to the counsel of Yehowah and of those trembling at the commandment of our God, that it may be done according to the Law. (**Ezra 10:3**)
- Get up, for the matter devolves upon you, and we are with you. Be strong and act. (**Ezra 10:4**)
- On the beaten paths there has been heard a sound, the **weeping**, the entreaties of the sons of Israel. For they have twisted their way, they have forgotten Yehowah their God. (**Jeremiah 3:21**)
- Return, you renegade sons. I shall heal your renegade condition. Here we are! We have come to you, for you, O Yehowah, are our God. (**Jeremiah 3:22**)
- With **weeping** they will come, and with their entreaties for favor I shall bring them. I shall make them walk to torrent valleys of water, in a right way in which they will not be caused to stumble. For I have become to Israel a Father, and as for Ephraim, he is my firstborn. (**Jeremiah 31:9**)
- And now also, the utterance of Yehowah is, come back to me with all your hearts, and with fasting and with **weeping** and with wailing. (**Joel 2:12**)
- Then they arrested him and led him off and brought him into the house of the High Priest, but Peter was following at a distance. (**Luke 22:54**)
- When they lit a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter was sitting in among them. (**Luke 22:55**)
- But a certain servant girl saw him sitting by the bright fire and

looked him over and said; This man also was with him. (Luke 22:56)

- But he denied it, saying; I do not know him, woman. (Luke 22:57)
- And after a short time another person seeing him said; You also are one of them. But Peter said; Man, I am not. (Luke 22:58)
- And after about an hour intervened a certain other man began insisting strongly; For a certainty this man also was with him, for, in fact, he is a Galilean! (Luke 22:59)
- But Peter said; Man, I do not know what you are saying. And instantly, while he was yet speaking, a cock crowed. (Luke 22:60)
- And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter, and Peter recalled the utterance of the Lord when he said to him; Before a cock crows today you will disown me three times. (Luke 22:61)
- And he went outside and wept bitterly. (Luke 22:6)
- Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you indecisive ones. (James 4:8)
- Give way to misery and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into dejection. (James 4:9)
- **Weeping** in religious ceremony was associated with worship of the Babylonian god Tammuz.
- So he brought me to the entrance of the gate of the house of Yehowah, which is toward the north, and, look! There the women were sitting, **weeping** over the god Tammuz. (Ezekiel 8:14)

### **See Also MOURNING**

- Aside from feelings of personal loss or affliction, deep concern and intense feeling for others often prompted **weeping**. Thus the apostle Paul spoke of admonishing and correcting fellow believers with tears.



- Therefore keep awake, and bear in mind that for three years, night and day, I did not quit admonishing each one with tears. ([Acts of Apostles 20:31](#))
- For out of much tribulation and anguish of heart I wrote you with many tears, not that you might be saddened, but that you might know the love that I have more especially for you. ([2 Corinthians 2:4](#))
- With **weeping**, he mentioned those who were walking as the enemies of the torture stake of the Christ.
- For there are many, I used to mention them often but now I mention them also with **weeping**, who are walking as the enemies of the torture stake of the Christ. ([Philippians 3:18](#))
- And their finish is destruction, and their god is their belly, and their glory consists in their shame, and they have their minds upon things on the earth. ([Philippians 3:19](#))
- And because of the close bond of love existing between Paul and the overseers of the Ephesus congregation, all wept upon learning of the possibility that they might not see the apostles face again.
- And when he had said these things, he kneeled down with all of them and prayed. ([Acts of Apostles 20:36](#))
- Indeed, quite a bit of **weeping** broke out among them all, and they fell upon Paul's neck and tenderly kissed him. ([Acts of Apostles 20:37](#))
- Because they were especially pained at the word he had spoken that they were going to behold his face no more. So they proceeded to conduct him to the boat. ([Acts of Apostles 20:38](#))
- There were times when worshipers of Yehowah wept during prayer, as did Hannah, Hezekiah, and Nehemiah.
- Then Hannah got up after they had eaten in Shiloh and after the drinking, while Eli the priest was sitting upon the seat by the doorpost of the temple of Yehowah. ([1 Samuel 1:9](#))
- And she was bitter of soul, and she began to pray to Yehowah

and to weep greatly. (**1 Samuel 1:10**)

- And she went on to make a vow and say; O Yehowah of armies, if you will without fail look upon the affliction of your slave girl and actually remember me, and you will not forget your slave girl and actually give to your slave girl a male offspring, I will give him to Yehowah all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head. (**1 Samuel 1:11**)
- In those days Hezekiah got sick to the point of dying. Accordingly Isaiah the son of Amoz the prophet came in to him and said to him; This is what Yehowah has said; Give commands to your household, for you yourself will indeed die and will not live. (**2 Kings 20:1**)
- At that he turned his face to the wall and began to pray to Yehowah, saying; (**2 Kings 20:2**)
- I beseech you, O Yehowah, remember, please, how I have walked before you in truthfulness and with a complete heart, and what was good in your eyes I have done. And Hezekiah began to weep profusely. (**2 Kings 20:3**)
- And it came about that Isaiah himself had not yet gone out to the middle court when Yehowah's word itself came to him, saying; (**2 Kings 20:4**)
- Go back, and you must say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, This is what Yehowah the God of David your forefather has said; I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Here I am healing you. On the third day you will go up to the house of Yehowah. (**2 Kings 20:5**)
- Then Hanani, one of my brothers, came in, he and other men from Judah, and I proceeded to ask them about the Jews, those who had escaped, who had been left over of the captivity, and also about Jerusalem. (**Nehemiah 1:2**)
- Accordingly they said to me; Those left over, who have been left over from the captivity, there in the jurisdictional district, are in a very bad plight and in reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its very gates have been burned with fire. (**Nehemiah 1:3**)

- **And it came about that, as soon as I heard these words, I sat down and began to weep and mourn for days, and I was continually fasting and praying before the God of the heavens. (Nehemiah 1:4)**
- **Do hear my prayer, O Yehowah, and to my cry for help do give ear. At my tears do not keep silent. For I am but an alien resident with you, a settler the same as all my forefathers. (Psalms 39:12)**
- **Even Jesus Christ, while on earth, supplicated and petitioned his Father with strong outcries and tears.**
- **In the days of his flesh Christ offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear. (Hebrews 5:7)**