

You notice that what this very strong statement that Moses made, "Take away my life", he said. "Kill me out of hand." Elijah felt the same way, when he was under the juniper tree there. And I think Christians are much more aware of Elijah's situation like that than they are of Moses'. I wonder how many realize about poor Jeremiah. The terrible situation he was in when he stood almost alone for the Lord through so many years, and he had to give a message people considered to be treasonable. They considered that he was turning against his people, and doing what ~~was~~ was harmful to them. Jeremiah 27:7 he says, "O Lord thou hast deceived me and I was deceived." Now I don't know why the KJV rendered it that way. "O Lord thou hast deceived me." Certainly no one in his right mind could ~~accuse~~ accuse the Lord of deceiving. I don't know whether the word deceive has changed its meaning quite a bit since the time this translation was made or not. I believe it's the ASV that said instead of "deceive", said "enticed." I don't know how you can get in English exactly the idea of what it means in one word. What he means is, Lord you brought me into this situation without my realizing what I was getting into. I had no idea it would be like this, he said. "Thou art stronger than I and hast prevailed. I am in derision daily; everyone mocks me." And when he gets on to vs. 14 he said, "Cursed be the day wherein I was born. Let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee making him very glad." The ~~poor~~ poor fellow who just came and brought the message. Cursed be he, he says. And let that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew and repented not and let him hear the cry in the morning and the shouting at noontime because he slew me not from the womb. Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow that my days ~~should~~ should be consumed with shame. When you realize the situation Jeremiah was in and the way he stood for the Lord through such terrible difficulties, it's easy to see how he would give way to such feelings as this. Exact equivalent of what Moses did as described in our present passage. It is human -- Humanity is frail. We all are, and very few of us have to face a situation like Moses did or like Jeremiah did, but a great many of us will feel like they did some-time in our lives. And I think it is very important that we should realize this and