

## Jeremiah 9:1-26 **Lamentation over God's Judgment against Jerusalem and Judea**

### Lamentation for Judgment against Disobedient People

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2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness A lodging place for travelers; That I might leave my people, And go from them! For they are all adulterers, An assembly of treacherous men.

3 "And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," says the Lord.

4 "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; For every brother will utterly supplant, And every neighbor will walk with slanderers.

5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the Lord.

7 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts:

"Behold, I will refine them and try them; For how shall I deal with the daughter of My people?

8 Their tongue is an arrow shot out; It speaks deceit; One speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, But in his heart he lies in wait.

9 Shall I not punish them for these things?" says the Lord. "Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?"

10 I will take up a weeping and wailing for the mountains, And for the dwelling places of the wilderness a lamentation, Because they are burned up, So that no one can pass through; Nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled; They are gone.

11 "I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a den of jackals. I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."

12 Who is the wise man who may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness, so that no one can pass through?

13 And the Lord said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it,

14 but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them,"

15 therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among the Gentiles, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. And I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them."

### Call for People to Mourn coming Judgment

17 Thus says the Lord of hosts:

"Consider and call for the mourning women, That they may come; And send for skillful wailing

women, That they may come.

18 Let them make haste And take up a wailing for us, That our eyes may run with tears, And our eyelids gush with water.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How we are plundered! We are greatly ashamed, Because we have forsaken the land, Because we have been cast out of our dwellings.'"

20 Yet hear the word of the Lord, O women, And let your ear receive the word of His mouth; Teach your daughters wailing, And everyone her neighbor a lamentation.

21 For death has come through our windows, Has entered our palaces, To kill off the children — no longer to be outside! And the young men — no longer on the streets!

22 Speak, "Thus says the Lord:

'Even the carcasses of men shall fall as refuse on the open field, Like cuttings after the harvester, And no one shall gather them.'"

### Glory only in Yahweh

23 Thus says the Lord:

"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;

24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

### Punishment of Circumcised with Uncircumcised – Uncircumcised in Heart

25 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised —

26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart."

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Jeremiah knows that judgment is coming against his people because of their persistent sins and iniquities, and in great sorrow he wants to escape from them.

✧ Jeremiah knows first hand that they are treacherous men because his life has been threatened by the people from his home town Anathoth. [\[Jeremiah 11:21\]](#)

✧ Adultery and violence is always present in people who turn from the knowledge of Yahweh.

✧ Yahweh confirmed that they are not standing for the truth but are bent on lies going from evil to evil, and they do not know Yahweh.

- ☆ "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; For every brother will utterly supplant, And every neighbor will walk with slanderers.  
Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.  
Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says Yahweh (the Lord). [Jeremiah 9:4-6]
- ◇ When you live in a society that has turned its back on the Lord God and rejected His righteous laws, you must be constantly on guard against your neighbor and brother.
- ◇ They will be out for themselves at your expense, both physically, financially, and morally.
- ◇ Truth is replaced by deceit, slander, and all the things abominable to Yahweh.
- ◇ They weary themselves to commit iniquity as in Sodom. [Genesis 13:13, 19:11]
- ◇ In the blindness of their deceived hearts they refuse to know Yahweh. [Romans 1:18-32]
- ☆ Therefore thus says Yahweh Tsebavta (the Lord of hosts):  
"Behold, I will refine them and try them; For how shall I deal with the daughter of My people?  
Their tongue is an arrow shot out; It speaks deceit; One speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, But in his heart he lies in wait.  
Shall I not punish them for these things?" says Yahweh (the Lord). "Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?" [Jeremiah 9:7-9]
- ◇ Yahweh considers the deceitfulness of His people and asked, "Shall I not punish them for these things and avenge Myself on such a nation?"
- ◇ Any nation so immersed in lies and deceit is in line for the Wrath of God.
- ☆ I will take up a weeping and wailing for the mountains, And for the dwelling places of the wilderness a lamentation, Because they are burned up, So that no one can pass through; Nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled; They are gone.  
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Who is the wise man who may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of Yahweh (the Lord) has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness, so that no one can pass through? [Jeremiah 9:10-12]
- ◇ Jeremiah takes weeping, wailing, and lamentations because of the message from Yahweh of great desolation of the land of Israel.
- ◇ Yahweh said He will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a den of jackals, and the cities of Judah desolate without inhabitant.
- ◇ The question is, "Why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness so no-one can pass through?"
- ☆ And Yahweh (the Lord) said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them,"

therefore thus says Yahweh Tsebavta Elohey Yisrael (the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel):  
"Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the Gentiles, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. And I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them." [Jeremiah 9:13-16]

- ◇ The answer from Yahweh is "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and they have not obeyed My voice or walked according to it."

- ✧ Yahweh never leaves us in ignorance without showing us the reason for His actions.
- ✧ The people have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and idolatry.
- ✧ The punishment for their sins is totally justified.
- ✧ They will be scattered among the Gentiles where they will be killed.
- ✧ This has certainly been done as spoken by all the attempts to exterminate the Jews in lands of their dispersion since they were cast out of their Promised Land.

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'Even the carcasses of men shall fall as refuse on the open field, Like cuttings after the harvester, And no one shall gather them.'" [\[Jeremiah 9:17-22\]](#)

- ✧ Coming Judgment is so severe Yahweh calls for professional mourners to stir the hearts of His people of Zion and Jerusalem.
- ✧ Before it happens, Yahweh sees it as completed. They speak of the city being plundered, the people being greatly ashamed as the land is forsaken by them being carried away captive by the destroyers.
- ✧ Lament because death comes through the windows, enters the palaces, and kills off the children to leave the city desolate without inhabitant.
- ✧ Even the carcasses of men will fall as refuse on the open field and no one will gather them for burial.

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But let him who glories glory in this, **That he understands and knows Me, That I am Yahweh (the Lord), exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.**

For in these I delight," says Yahweh (the Lord). [\[Jeremiah 9:23-24\]](#)

- ✧ The only acceptable thing for men to glory in is the fact: **That he understands and knows Me, That I am Yahweh (the Lord), exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.**
- ✧ This will be fully manifest during the thousand year Kingdom age when Yahweh reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords over the entire earth in perfect righteousness, justice and peace.
- ✧ That is God's highest desire until He comes.

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- ✧ Before the blessing comes the punishment of all forms of evil, the Great Tribulation.
- ✧ Yahweh looks at the heart and declared that the circumcised in the flesh men of Israel are uncircumcised in their hearts and will be judged with the uncircumcised Gentiles of the world. [\[Deuteronomy 10:16, Jeremiah 9:26, Acts 7:51-53\]](#)