

## Lamentations 1:1-11 **Status of Jerusalem**

### Jerusalem in Affliction

1 How lonely sits the city That was full of people! How like a widow is she, Who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces Has become a slave!

2 She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers She has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.

3 Judah has gone into captivity, Under affliction and hard servitude; She dwells among the nations, She finds no rest; All her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.

4 The roads to Zion mourn Because no one comes to the set feasts. All her gates are desolate; Her priests sigh, Her virgins are afflicted, And she is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries have become the master, Her enemies prosper; For Yahweh (the Lord) has afflicted her Because of the multitude of her transgressions. Her children have gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 And from the daughter of Zion All her splendor has departed. Her princes have become like deer That find no pasture, That flee without strength Before the pursuer.

7 In the days of her affliction and roaming, Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant things That she had in the days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the enemy, With no one to help her, The adversaries saw her And mocked at her downfall.

8 Jerusalem has sinned gravely, Therefore she has become vile. All who honored her despise her Because they have seen her nakedness; Yes, she sighs and turns away.

9 Her uncleanness is in her skirts; She did not consider her destiny; Therefore her collapse was awesome; She had no comforter. "O Yahweh (Lord), behold my affliction, For the enemy is exalted!"

10 The adversary has spread his hand Over all her pleasant things; For she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, Those whom You commanded Not to enter Your assembly.

11 All her people sigh, They seek bread; They have given their valuables for food to restore life." See, O Yahweh (Lord), and consider, For I am scorned."

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Jeremiah laments as he looks at the desolate city of Jerusalem:
  - ✧ Jerusalem is left desolate like a lonely widow with all her population gone and carried away captive.
  - ✧ The land of Judah is unoccupied her people have gone into captivity and are under affliction and hard servitude.
  - ✧ The roads to Zion are empty with no one coming to the set feasts of the Lord.
  - ✧ Yahweh has afflicted her because of all her transgressions, and her children are gone into captivity.
  - ✧ Her adversaries mocked at her downfall.
  - ✧ Jerusalem has sinned gravely and become vile, Her uncleanness is in her skirts.
  - ✧ She did not consider her latter end. [\[Deuteronomy 32:29\]](#)
  - ✧ Therefore her collapse was awesome with no one to comfort her.

- ✧ Jerusalem has seen their pleasant things pass into the hands of their adversaries, the people who were not to enter the Sanctuary of Yahweh by the Law of God.
- ✧ All her people have given their valuables for food.
- ✧ Jeremiah has been scorned and asked Yahweh to consider it all.