

Lamentations 1:12-22 **Jerusalem Afflicted by Yahweh For Her Sins** **Example to All Who Pass By**

12 "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see If there is any sorrow like my sorrow, Which has been brought on me, Which the Lord has inflicted In the day of His fierce anger.

13 "From above He has sent fire into my bones, And it overpowered them; He has spread a net for my feet And turned me back; He has made me desolate And faint all the day.

14 "The yoke of my transgressions was bound; They were woven together by His hands, And thrust upon my neck. He made my strength fail; The Lord delivered me into the hands of those whom I am not able to withstand.

15 "The Lord has trampled underfoot all my mighty men in my midst; He has called an assembly against me To crush my young men; The Lord trampled as in a winepress The virgin daughter of Judah.

16 "For these things I weep; My eye, my eye overflows with water; Because the comforter, who should restore my life, Is far from me. My children are desolate Because the enemy prevailed."

17 Zion spreads out her hands, But no one comforts her; The Lord has commanded concerning Jacob That those around him become his adversaries; Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.

18 "The Lord is righteous, For I rebelled against His commandment. Hear now, all peoples, And behold my sorrow; My virgins and my young men Have gone into captivity.

19 "I called for my lovers, But they deceived me; My priests and my elders Breathed their last in the city, While they sought food To restore their life.

20 "See, O Lord, that I am in distress; My soul is troubled; My heart is overturned within me, For I have been very rebellious. Outside the sword bereaves, At home it is like death.

21 "They have heard that I sigh, But no one comforts me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; They are glad that You have done it. Bring on the day You have announced, That they may become like me.

22 "Let all their wickedness come before You, And do to them as You have done to me For all my transgressions; For my sighs are many, And my heart is faint."

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ **Jeremiah speaks for Jerusalem in the first person terminology.** [[Lamentations 1:12-17](#)]
 - ✧ The description of Jerusalem's punishment from Yahweh for her sins is an example to all who see her desolation.
 - ✧ When Yahweh delivers a sinful nation into the hands of her enemies, they are powerless and can do nothing to prevent it.
 - ✧ This is the reason for Jeremiah's weeping and lamentation.
- ✧ **Yahweh's judgment is righteous because of the sins of His people** [[Lamentations 1:18-20](#)]
 - ✧ Jerusalem had rebelled against the commandments of Yahweh.
 - ✧ Jeremiah called all people to witness Jerusalem's sorrows and plight.
 - ✧ Jerusalem had turned to her pagan lovers but they proved to be useless because their gods were deceptive.

- ✧ Jeremiah called for Yahweh to see the distress of Jerusalem though they had been very rebellious and deserve His Judgment.
- ✧ **Jerusalem's troubles are amplified because her enemies are gleeful over her destruction.**
[\[Lamentations 1:21-22\]](#)
- ✧ Since the enemies are glad and prideful that Yahweh has delivered Jerusalem into their hands for destruction, Jeremiah calls on Yahweh to bring retribution against them as He had said before that He would punish them for their behavior and attitude.