

Lamentations 2:1-22 **Description of Yahweh's Anger against Jerusalem and Zion**

1 How Yahweh (the Lord) has covered the daughter of Zion With a cloud in His anger! He cast down from heaven to the earth The beauty of Israel, And did not remember His footstool In the day of His anger.

2 The Lord has swallowed up and has not pitied All the dwelling places of Jacob. He has thrown down in His wrath The strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought them down to the ground; He has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

3 He has cut off in fierce anger Every horn of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand From before the enemy. He has blazed against Jacob like a flaming fire Devouring all around.

4 Standing like an enemy, He has bent His bow; With His right hand, like an adversary, He has slain all who were pleasing to His eye; On the tent of the daughter of Zion, He has poured out His fury like fire.

5 Yahweh (the Lord) was like an enemy. He has swallowed up Israel, He has swallowed up all her palaces; He has destroyed her strongholds, And has increased mourning and lamentation In the daughter of Judah.

6 He has done violence to His tabernacle, As if it were a garden; He has destroyed His place of assembly; Yahweh (the Lord) has caused The appointed feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion. In His burning indignation He has spurned the king and the priest.

7 Yahweh (the Lord) has spurned His altar, He has abandoned His sanctuary; He has given up the walls of her palaces Into the hand of the enemy. They have made a noise in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) As on the day of a set feast.

8 Yahweh (the Lord) has purposed to destroy The wall of the daughter of Zion. He has stretched out a line; He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying; Therefore He has caused the rampart and wall to lament; They languished together.

9 Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations; The Law is no more, And her prophets find no vision from Yahweh (the Lord).

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion Sit on the ground and keep silence; They throw dust on their heads And gird themselves with sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem Bow their heads to the ground.

11 My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled; My bile is poured on the ground Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, Because the children and the infants Faint in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" As they swoon like the wounded In the streets of the city, As their life is poured out In their mothers' bosom.

13 How shall I console you? To what shall I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin is spread wide as the sea; Who can heal you?

14 Your prophets have seen for you False and deceptive visions; They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives, But have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.

15 All who pass by clap their hands at you; They hiss and shake their heads At the daughter of Jerusalem: "Is this the city that is called 'The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth'?"

16 All your enemies have opened their mouth against you; They hiss and gnash their teeth. They say, "We have swallowed her up! Surely this is the day we have waited for; We have found it, we have seen it!"

17 Yahweh (the Lord) has done what He purposed; He has fulfilled His word Which He commanded in days of old. He has thrown down and has not pitied, And He has caused an enemy to rejoice over you; He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

18 Their heart cried out to Yahweh (the Lord),
"O wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears run down like a river day and night; Give yourself no relief; Give your eyes no rest.

19 "Arise, cry out in the night, At the beginning of the watches; Pour out your heart like water before the face of Yahweh (the Lord). Lift your hands toward Him For the life of your young children, Who faint from hunger at the head of every street."

20 "See, O Yahweh (Lord), and consider! To whom have You done this? Should the women eat their offspring, The children they have cuddled? Should the priest and prophet be slain In the sanctuary of Yahweh (the Lord)?

21 "Young and old lie On the ground in the streets; My virgins and my young men Have fallen by the sword; You have slain them in the day of Your anger, You have slaughtered and not pitied.

22 "You have invited as to a feast day The terrors that surround me. In the day of Yahweh (the Lord's) anger There was no refuge or survivor. Those whom I have borne and brought up My enemies have destroyed."

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ **How Yahweh has cast down Jerusalem and Judah.** [[Lamentations 2:1-9](#)]
 - ◇ Yahweh has done just what He said He would do in His wrath against Zion and Jerusalem.
 - ◇ He has shown no pity.
- ✧ **The result has brought sorrow and grief to the people with no way to comfort them.** [[Lamentations 2:10-13](#)]
 - ◇ Jeremiah laments for the impact as the siege sets in and the people starve, all are suffering, the elders, the virgins, the children, and the infants with no help in sight.
 - ◇ There is no way to comfort people who are dieing of starvation when there is no food for anyone.
- ✧ Your prophets have seen for you False and deceptive visions; They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives, But have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions. [[Lamentations 2:14](#)]
 - ◇ False prophets who predict peace for the people when the Wrath of God begins help no one because they encourage the people in their sins.
 - ◇ A true prophet would give warning and call the people to repentance.
- ✧ **Response of the people who see the desolation of the city** [[Lamentations 2:15-17](#)]
 - ◇ They will be astonished at the desolation of the city famous for its beauty.

- ✧ The enemies who Yahweh used to punish His people will be lifted up with pride thinking they had done it by their own power, failing to realize that their success is because God had given the city into their hands for punishment of their sins against Him.
- ✧ Yahweh has done all He purposed to do, without pity, just as He had said.
- ✧ The enemies rejoice.
- ✧ **The heart cry of Jeremiah** [[Lamentations 2:18-22](#)]
- ✧ Call for heartfelt prayer for those suffering starvation.
- ✧ Plea for Yahweh to consider the suffering of His people in the siege.
- ✧ The cost of Yahweh's Wrath when He brings judgment without pity.