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¹ How doth the city sit solitary [separately], that was full of people! how is she become as a widow [desolate place]! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

Tributary – [OT:4522](#) מַחְמָה **mac** (mas); or **mic** (mees); from [OT:4549](#); properly, a burden (as causing to faint), i.e. a tax in the form of forced labor:
KJV - discomfited, levy, task [-master], tribute (-tary).

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² She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers [affectionate ones] she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

Comfort – [OT:5162](#) נַחַם **nacham** (naw-kham'); a primitive root; properly, to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly; by implication, to be sorry, i.e. (in a favorable sense) to pity, console or (reflexively) rue; or (unfavorably) to avenge (oneself):
KJV - comfort (self), ease [one'sself], repent (-eringself,-).

Dealt treacherously – [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:
KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), ^xvery.

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³ Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook [reached] her between the straits.

Captivity – [OT:1540](#) גָּלָה **galah** (gaw-law'); a primitive root; to denude (especially in a disgraceful sense); by implication, to exile (captives being usually stripped); figuratively, to reveal:

KJV - + advertise, appear, bewray, bring, (carry, lead, go) captive (into captivity), depart, disclose, discover, exile, be gone, open, ^x plainly, publish, remove, reveal, ^x shamelessly, shew, ^x surely, tell, uncover.

Affliction – [OT:6040](#) עָנָה **`oniy** (on-ee'); from [OT:6031](#); depression, i.e. misery: **KJV** - afflicted (-ion), trouble.

Servitude – [OT:5656](#) עֲבָדָה **`abodah** (ab-o-daw'); or `abowdah (ab-o-daw'); from [OT:5647](#); work of any kind:

KJV - act, bondage, + bondservant, effect, labour, ministering (-try), office, service (-ile, -itude), tillage, use, work, ^x wrought.

Heathen – [OT:1471](#) גּוֹי **gowy** (go'-ee); rarely (shortened) **goy** (go'-ee); apparently from the same root as [OT:1465](#) (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts: **KJV** - Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Persecutors – [OT:7291](#) רָדַף **radaph** (raw-daf'); a primitive root; to run after (usually with hostile intent; figuratively [of time] gone by):

KJV - chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute (-ion, -or), pursue (-r).

Straits – [OT:4712](#) מֵצָר **metsar** (may-tsar'); from [OT:6896](#); something tight, i.e. (figuratively) trouble: **KJV** - distress, pain, strait.

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⁴The ways of Zion do mourn [lament], because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted [grieve], and she is in bitterness.

Zion – [OT:6726](#) **צִיּוֹן** **Tsiyown** (tsee-yone'); the same (regularly) as [OT:6725](#); Tsijon (as a permanent capital), a mountain of Jerusalem: **KJV** - Zion.

Solemn feasts – [OT:4150](#) **מוֹעֵד** **mowed`** (mo-ade'); or **moed`** (mo-ade'); or (feminine) **mow`adah** ([2 Chron 8:13](#)) (mo-aw-daw'); from [OT:3259](#); properly, an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; specifically, a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the congregation; by extension, the place of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand):

KJV - appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn (-ity), synogogue, (set) time (appointed).

Desolate – [OT:8074](#) **שָׁמֵם** **shamem** (shaw-mame'); a primitive root; to stun (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense):

KJV - make amazed, be astonished, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

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⁵Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted [grieved] her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

Adversaries/ enemy – [OT:6862](#) **צָר** **tsar** (tsar); or **tsar** (tsawr); from [OT:6887](#); narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in [OT:6864](#)); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding):

KJV - adversary, afflicted (-tion), anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.

Transgressions – [OT:6588](#) **פֶּשַׁע** **pesha`** (peh'-shah); from [OT:6586](#); a revolt (national, moral or religious): **KJV** - rebellion, sin, transgression, trespass.

Captivity – [OT:7628](#) **שְׁבִי** **shebiy** (sheb-ee'); from [OT:7618](#); exiled; captured; as noun, exile (abstractly or concretely and collectively); by extension, booty: **KJV** - captive (-ity), prisoners, *take away, that was taken.

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⁶ And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed [gone]: her princes are become like harts [male deer] that find no pasture [feeding place], and they are gone without strength [vigor] before the pursuer.

Pursuer – [OT:7291](#) רָדַף **radaph** (raw-daf'); a primitive root; to run after (usually with hostile intent; figuratively [of time] gone by):

KJV - chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute (-ion, -or), pursue (-r).

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⁷ Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

Affliction – [OT:6040](#) עָנָה **'oniy** (on-ee'); from [OT:6031](#); depression, i.e. misery:

KJV - afflicted (-ion), trouble.

Miseries – [OT:4788](#) מָרוּד **maruwd** (maw-rood'); from [OT:7300](#) in the sense of maltreatment; an outcast; (abstractly) destitution: **KJV** - cast out, misery.

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⁸ Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

Grievously – [OT:2399](#) שָׂטָה **chet'** (khate); from [OT:2398](#); a crime or its penalty:

KJV - fault, ^x grievously, offence, (punishment of) sin.

Sinned – [OT:2398](#) שָׂטָה **chata'** (khaw-taw'); a primitive root; properly, to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin; by inference, to forfeit, lack, expiate, repent, (causatively) lead astray, condemn:

KJV - bear the blame, cleanse, commit [sin], by fault, harm he hath done, loss, miss, (make) offend (-er), offer for sin, purge, purify (self), make reconciliation, (cause, make) sin (-ful, -ness), trespass.

Removed – [OT:5206](#) נִידָה **niydah** (nee-daw'); feminine of [OT:5205](#); removal, i.e. exile: **KJV** - removed.

Backward – [OT:268](#) אַחֲרָיִם **'achowr** (aw-khore'); or (shortened) **'achor** (aw-khore'); from [OT:299](#); the hinder part; hence (adverb) behind, backward; also (as facing north) the West:

KJV - after (-ward), back (part, -side, -ward), hereafter, (be-) hind (-er part), time to come, without.

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⁹ Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully [miraculously]: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.

Filthiness – [OT:2932](#) תִּמְאָה **tum'ah** (toom-aw'); from [OT:2930](#); religious impurity:
KJV - filthiness, unclean (-ness).

Comforter – [OT:5162](#) נַחַם **nacham** (naw-kham'); a primitive root; properly, to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly; by implication, to be sorry, i.e. (in a favorable sense) to pity, console or (reflexively) rue; or (unfavorably) to avenge (oneself):
KJV - comfort (self), ease [one'sself], repent (-eringself,-).

Affliction – [OT:6040](#) עָנָה **`oniy** (on-ee'); from [OT:6031](#); depression, i.e. misery:
KJV - afflicted (-ion), trouble.

Magnified – [OT:1431](#) גָּדַל **gadal** (gaw-dal'); a primitive root; properly, to twist [compare [OT:1434](#)], i.e. to be (causatively make) large (in various senses, as in body, mind, estate or honor, also in pride):
KJV - advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, be (-come, do, give, make, wax), great (-er, come to ... estate, + things), grow (up), increase, lift up, magnify (-ifical), be much set by, nourish (up), pass, promote, proudly [spoken], tower.

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¹⁰ The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation.

Adversary – [OT:6862](#) צָר **tsar** (tsar); or **tsar** (tsawr); from [OT:6887](#); narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in [OT:6864](#)); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding):
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Sanctuary – [OT:4720](#) מִקְדָּשׁ **miqdash** (mik-dawsh'); or **miqqedash** ([Ex 15:17](#)) (mik-ked-awsh'); from [OT:6942](#); a consecrated thing or place, especially, a palace, sanctuary (whether of Jehovah or of idols) or asylum:
KJV - chapel, hallowed part, holy place, sanctuary.

Congregation – [OT:6951](#) קָהָל **qahal** (kaw-hawl'); from [OT:6950](#); assemblage (usually concretely):
KJV - assembly, company, congregation, multitude.

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¹¹ All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider [look intently at]; for I am become vile.

Pleasant things – [OT:4262](#) מְחַמֵּד **machmud** (makh-mood'); or **machmuwd** (makh-mood'); from [OT:2530](#); desired; hence, a valuable: **KJV** - pleasant thing.

Vile – [OT:2151](#) זָלַל **zalal** (zaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare [OT:2107](#)]; to shake (as in the wind), i.e. to quake; figuratively, to be loose morally, worthless or prodigal: **KJV** - blow down, glutton, riotous (eater), vile.

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¹² Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow [anguish, affliction] like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce [burning anger] anger [rapid breathing].

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¹³ From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth [tread down] against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate [ruined] and faint [sick] all the day.

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¹⁴ The yoke of my transgressions [revolt] is bound by his hand: they are wreathed [entwined, wrapped together], and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall [weakness], the LORD hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

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¹⁵ The LORD hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush [burst] my young men: the LORD hath trodden [walked over] the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress [where grapes are tread out].

Trodden under foot – [OT:5541](#) סָלַח **calah** (saw-law'); a primitive root; to hang up, i.e. weigh, or (figuratively) contemn: **KJV** - tread down (under foot), value.

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¹⁶ For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate [stunned], because the enemy prevailed [strong, acting insolent or brazen].

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¹⁷ Zion spreadeth forth [break apart] her hands, and there is none to comfort [console] her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

Adversaries – [OT:6862](#) צָרַר **tsar** (tsar); or **tsar** (tsawr); from [OT:6887](#); narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in [OT:6864](#)); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding):

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Menstruous woman – [OT:5079](#) נִדְּחָה **niddah** (nid-daw'); from [OT:5074](#); properly, rejection; by implication, impurity, especially personal (menstruation) or moral (idolatry, incest):

KJV - ^x far, filthiness, ^x flowers, menstruous (woman), put apart, ^x removed (woman), separation, set apart, unclean (-ness, thing, with filthiness).

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¹⁸ The LORD is righteous [just]; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow [anguish, affliction]: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

Rebelled – [OT:4784](#) מָרָה **marah** (maw-raw'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) bitter (or unpleasant); (figuratively) to rebel (or resist; causatively, to provoke):

KJV - bitter, change, be disobedient, disobey, grievously, provocation, provoke (-ing), (be) rebel (against, -lious).

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¹⁹ I called for my lovers [affectionate ones], but they deceived [hurl, shoot, fig delude, betray] me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve [turn back] their souls.

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²⁰ Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned [changed] within me; for I have grievously rebelled [provoking God]: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.

Distress – [OT:6862](#) צָרַר **tsar** (tsar); or **tsar** (tsawr); from [OT:6887](#); narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in [OT:6864](#)); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding):

KJV - adversary, afflicted (-tion), anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.

Bereaveth – [OT:7921](#) שָׁכַל **shakol** (shaw-kole'); a primitive root; properly, to miscarry, i.e. suffer abortion; by analogy, to bereave (literally or figuratively):

KJV - bereave (of children), barren, cast calf (fruit, young), be (make) childless, deprive, destroy, ^x expect, lose children, miscarry, rob of children, spoil.

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²¹ They have heard that I sigh [mourn]: there is none to comfort sorry for] me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble [evil]; **they are glad that thou hast done it:** thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and **they shall be like unto me.**

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²² **Let all their wickedness [evil] come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions:** for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint [sick, fig troubled].

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¹ How hath the LORD covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud [to be dense or dark] in his anger [rapid breathing, nostrils flared], and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool [stamp on his possession] in the day of his anger!

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² The LORD hath swallowed up [destroyed] all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

Pitied – [OT:2550](#) **חָמַל** **chamal** (khaw-mal'); a primitive root; to commiserate; by implication, to spare: **KJV** - have compassion, (have) pity, spare.

Polluted – [OT:2490](#) **חָלַל** **chalal** (khaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare [OT:2470](#)]; properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from [OT:2485](#)) to play (the flute): **KJV** - begin (X men began), defile, ^xbreak, defile, ^xeat (as common things), ^xfirst, ^xgather the grape thereof, ^xtake inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

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³ He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn [power] of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about.

Horn – [OT:7161](#) **קֶרֶן** **qeren** (keh'-ren); from [OT:7160](#); a horn (as projecting); by implication, a flask, cornet; by resembl. an elephant's tooth (i.e. ivory), a corner (of the altar), a peak (of a mountain), a ray (of light); figuratively, power: **KJV** - ^xhill, horn.

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⁴ He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary [opponent], and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.

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⁵ The LORD was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up [destroyed] Israel, he hath swallowed up [destroyed] all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning [lamentation] and lamentation [groaning].

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⁶ And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed [ruined] his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised [scorned] in the indignation [fury] of his anger [ire] the king and the priest.

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⁷ The LORD hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred [rejected] his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

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⁸ The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying [ruining]: therefore he made the rampart [army] and the wall to lament; they languished together.

Purposed – [OT:2803](#) חָשַׁב **chashab** (khaw-shab'); a primitive root; properly, to plait or interpenetrate, i.e. (literally) to weave or (gen.) to fabricate; figuratively, to plot or contrive (usually in a malicious sense); hence (from the mental effort) to think, regard, value, compute:

KJV - (make) account (of), conceive, consider, count, cunning (man, work, workman), devise, esteem, find out, forecast, hold, imagine, impute, invent, be like, mean, purpose, reckon (-ing be made), regard, think.

Languished – [OT:535](#) אָמַל **'amal** (aw-mal'); a primitive root; to droop; by implication to be sick, to mourn: **KJV** - languish, be weak, wax feeble.

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⁹ Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: **her king and her princes are among the Gentiles**; the **law is no more**; her **prophets also find no vision** from the LORD.

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¹⁰ The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and **keep silence**: they have **cast up dust upon their heads**; they have **girded themselves with sackcloth**: the virgins of Jerusalem **hang down their heads** to the ground.

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¹¹ Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver [heaviness] is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

Bowels – [OT:4578](#) מְעֵי **me`ah** (may-aw'); from an unused root probably meaning to be soft; used only in plural the intestines, or (collectively) the abdomen, figuratively, sympathy; by implication, a vest; by extens. the stomach, the uterus (or of men, the seat of generation), the heart (figuratively):

KJV - belly, bowels, ^xheart, womb.

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¹² They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.

Swooned – [OT:5848](#) **עָטַף** `ataph (aw-taf); a primitive root; to shroud, i.e. clothe (whether transitive or reflex.); hence (from the idea of darkness) to languish: **KJV** - cover (over), fail, faint, feeble, hideself, be overwhelmed, swoon.

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¹³ What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

Breach – [OT:7667](#) **שָׁבַר** sheber (sheh'-ber); or **sheber** (shay'-ber); from [OT:7665](#); a fracture, figuratively, ruin; specifically, a solution (of a dream): **KJV** - affliction, breach, breaking, broken [-footed, -handed], bruise, crashing, destruction, hurt, interpretation, vexation.

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¹⁴ Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity [perversity], to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee **false burdens and causes** of banishment [seductions].

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¹⁵ All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call **The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?**

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¹⁶ All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, **We have swallowed her up [destroyed her]**: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.

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¹⁷ The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his Word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath **thrown down**, and **hath not pitied**: and **he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee**, he **hath set up the horn [power] of thine adversaries**.

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¹⁸ Their heart cried unto the LORD, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; **let not the apple of thine eye cease.**

Apple – [OT:1323](#) אֵפֶל **bath** (bath); from [OT:1129](#) (as feminine of [OT:1121](#)); a daughter (used in the same wide sense as other terms of relationship, literally and figuratively):

KJV - apple [of the eye], branch, company, daughter, ^xfirst, ^xold, ⁺owl, town, village.

Cease – [OT:1826](#) דָּמַם **damam** (daw-man'); a prim root [compare [OT:1724](#), [OT:1820](#)]; to be dumb; by implication, to be astonished, to stop; also to perish:

KJV - cease, be cut down (off), forbear, hold peace, quiet self, rest, be silent, keep (put to) silence, be (stand) still, tarry, wait.

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¹⁹ Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the LORD: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

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²⁰ Behold, O LORD, and **consider to whom thou hast done this.** Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long [nursing]? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

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²¹ The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; **thou hast killed, and not pitied.**

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²² Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors [fright, fear] round about, so that **in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained:** those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

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¹ I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

Affliction – [OT:6040](#) עָנָוׁן `oniy (on-ee'); from [OT:6031](#); depression, i.e. misery:

KJV - afflicted (-ion), trouble.

Rod – [OT:7626](#) שֵׁבֶטׁ shebet (shay'-bet); from an unused root probably meaning to branch off; a scion, i.e. (literally) a stick (for punishing, writing, fighting, ruling, walking, etc.) or (figuratively) a clan:

KJV - ^x correction, dart, rod, sceptre, staff, tribe.

Wrath – [OT:5678](#) עֵבֶרׁ ebrah (eb-raw'); feminine of [OT:5676](#); an outburst of passion: **KJV** - anger, rage, wrath.

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² He hath led me, and **brought me into darkness**, but not into light.

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³ Surely against me is he turned; **he turneth his hand against me** all the day.

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⁴ My **flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones**.

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⁵ He hath **builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail**.

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⁶ He hath **set me in dark places**, as they that be dead of old.

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⁷ He hath **hedged me about**, that I cannot get out: he hath **made my chain heavy**.

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⁸ Also when I cry and shout, **he shutteth out my prayer**.

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⁹ He hath **inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked**.

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¹⁰ He was unto me as a **bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places**.

Lamentations 3

¹¹ **He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate**.

Lamentations 3

¹² He hath **bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow**.

Lamentations

Lamentations 3

¹³ He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

Lamentations 3

¹⁴ I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day.

Lamentations 3

¹⁵ He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

Lamentations 3

¹⁶ He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.

Lamentations 3

¹⁷ And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity.

Lamentations 3

¹⁸ And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

Lamentations 3

¹⁹ Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

Lamentations 3

²⁰ My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

Lamentations 3

²¹ This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

Lamentations 3

²² It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Lamentations 3

²³ They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3

²⁴ The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Lamentations 3

²⁵ The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Lamentations

Lamentations 3

²⁶ It is good that a man should both **hope and quietly wait** for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3

²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Lamentations 3

²⁸ He **sitteth alone and keepeth silence**, because he hath borne it upon him.

Lamentations 3

²⁹ He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

Lamentations 3

³⁰ He **giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him**: he is **filled full with reproach**.

Lamentations 3

³¹ For **the LORD will not cast off for ever**:

Lamentations 3

³² But **though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies**.

Lamentations 3

³³ For **he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men**.

Lamentations 3

³⁴ **To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth**.

Lamentations 3

³⁵ To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,

Lamentations 3

³⁶ To subvert a man in his cause, the LORD approveth not.

Lamentations 3

³⁷ Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

Lamentations 3

³⁸ **Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?**

Lamentations 3

³⁹ Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

Lamentations 3

⁴⁰ **Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.**

Lamentations

Lamentations 3

⁴¹ Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

Lamentations 3

⁴² We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

Pardoned – [OT:5545](#) פָּלַח **calach** (saw-lakh'); a primitive root; to forgive:

KJV - forgive, pardon, spare.

Lamentations 3

⁴³ Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

Covered – [OT:5526](#) סָכַח **cakak** (saw-kak'); or **sakak** ([Ex 33:22](#)) (saw-kak'); a primitive root; properly, to entwine as a screen; by implication, to fence in, cover over, (figuratively) protect:

KJV - cover, defence, defend, hedge in, join together, set, shut up.

Persecuted – [OT:7291](#) רָדַף **radaph** (raw-daf'); a primitive root; to run after (usually with hostile intent; figuratively [of time] gone by):

KJV - chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute (-ion, -or), pursue (-r).

Pitied – [OT:2550](#) חָמַל **chamal** (khaw-mal'); a primitive root; to commiserate; by implication, to spare: **KJV** - have compassion, (have) pity, spare.

Lamentations 3

⁴⁴ Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

Lamentations 3

⁴⁵ Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

Offscouring – [OT:5501](#) צָחַח **cechiy** (seh-khee'); from [OT:5500](#); refuse (as swept off):

KJV - offscouring.

Lamentations 3

⁴⁶ All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

Lamentations 3

⁴⁷ Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

Lamentations 3

⁴⁸ Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the **destruction** [ruin] of the daughter of my people.

Lamentations 3

⁴⁹ Mine eye trickleth down [pour out], and ceaseth not, without any intermission [relaxation].

Lamentations

Lamentations 3

⁵⁰ Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.

Lamentations 3

⁵¹ Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.

Lamentations 3

⁵² Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.

Lamentations 3

⁵³ They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.

Lamentations 3

⁵⁴ Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, **I am cut off** [cut down, excluded].

Lamentations 3

⁵⁵ I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon [pit hole].

Lamentations 3

⁵⁶ Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Lamentations 3

⁵⁷ **Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee:** thou saidst, **Fear not.**

Lamentations 3

⁵⁸ **O LORD, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.**

Lamentations 3

⁵⁹ O LORD, **thou hast seen my wrong** [oppression]: judge thou my cause.

Lamentations 3

⁶⁰ Thou hast seen all their vengeance [act of passion] and all their imaginings against me.

Imaginings – [OT:4284](#) מַחֲשָׁבָה **machashabah** (makh-ash-aw-baw'); or **machashebeth** (makh-ash-eh'-beth); from [OT:2803](#); a contrivance, i.e. (concretely) a texture, machine, or (abstractly) intention, plan (whether bad, a plot; or good, advice):

KJV - cunning (work), curious work, device (-sed), imagination, invented, means, purpose, thought.

Lamentations

Lamentations 4

¹ How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

Lamentations 4

² The **precious sons of Zion**, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed [regarded] as earthen pitchers, **the work of the hands of the potter!**

Comparable – [OT:5537](#) סָלָו **cala'** (saw-law'); a primitive root; to suspend in a balance, i.e. weigh: **KJV** - comparable.

Lamentations 4

³ Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the **daughter of my people is become cruel [acting harshly]**, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

Lamentations 4

⁴ The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

Cleaveth – [OT:1692](#) דָּבַק **dabaq** (daw-bak'); a primitive root; properly, to impinge, i.e. cling or adhere; figuratively, to catch by pursuit:
KJV - abide fast, cleave (fast together), follow close (hard after), be joined (together), keep (fast), overtake, pursue hard, stick, take.

Lamentations 4

⁵ They that did feed delicately [pleasurably] are desolate [stunned] in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

Lamentations 4

⁶ For the **punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom**, that was **overthrown as in a moment**, and **no hands stayed on her**.

Lamentations 4

⁷ Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire:

Nazarites – [OT:5139](#) נָזִיר **naziyr** (naw-zeer'); or **nazir** (naw-zeer'); from [OT:5144](#); separate, i.e. consecrated (as prince, a Nazirite); hence (figuratively from the latter) an unpruned vine (like an unshorn Nazirite):
KJV - Nazarite [by a false alliteration with Nazareth], separate (-d), vine undressed.

Lamentations

Lamentations 4

⁸ Their visage [outline, figure or appearance] is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick [wood].

Lamentations 4

⁹ They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away [waste away], stricken through [starved] for want of the fruits of the field.

Lamentations 4

¹⁰ The hands of the pitiful [compassionate] women have sodden [boiled up] their own children: they were their meat in the destruction [fracture, fig. - ruin] of the daughter of my people.

Lamentations 4

¹¹ The LORD hath accomplished [end, complete, finish] his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

Lamentations 4

¹² The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that **the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.**

Lamentations 4

¹³ For the **sins of her prophets**, and the **iniquities of her priests**, that have shed the **blood of the just** in the midst of her,

Lamentations 4

¹⁴ They have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have polluted [soiled, desecrated] themselves with blood, so that **men could not touch their garments.**

Lamentations 4

¹⁵ They cried unto them, **Depart ye; it is unclean; depart, depart, touch not:** when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, **They shall no more sojourn there.**

Lamentations 4

¹⁶ The anger of the LORD hath divided [separated] them; he will no more regard them: they **respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.**

Lamentations 4

¹⁷ As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: **in our watching we have watched for a nation that could NOT save us.**

Lamentations 4

¹⁸ They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for **our end is come.**

Lamentations

Lamentations 4

¹⁹ **Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles** of the heaven: they **pursued us** upon the mountains, they **laid wait for us** in the wilderness.

Lamentations 4

²⁰ The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was **taken in their pits**, of whom we said, **Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.**

Lamentations 4

²¹ Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

Lamentations 4

²² **The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished**, O daughter of Zion; **He will no more carry thee away into captivity: He will visit thine iniquity**, O daughter of **Edom; He will discover thy sins.**

Lamentations

Lamentations 5

¹ Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

Lamentations 5

² Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

Lamentations 5

³ We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

Lamentations 5

⁴ We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.

Lamentations 5

⁵ Our necks are under persecution: we labour, and have no rest.

Lamentations 5

⁶ We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

Lamentations 5

⁷ Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities.

Lamentations 5

⁸ Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.

Lamentations 5

⁹ We gat our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

Lamentations 5

¹⁰ Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.

Lamentations 5

¹¹ They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

Lamentations 5

¹² Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.

Lamentations 5

¹³ They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

Lamentations 5

¹⁴ The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

Lamentations 5

¹⁵ The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

Lamentations

Lamentations 5

¹⁶ The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

Lamentations 5

¹⁷ For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

Lamentations 5

¹⁸ Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

Lamentations 5

¹⁹ Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

Lamentations 5

²⁰ Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time?

Lamentations 5

²¹ Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

Lamentations 5

²² But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.