

# Ezekiel 22:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed.** Jerusalem's disgrace is comprehensive—both nearby nations and distant kingdoms ridicule her. Temeat ha-shem (תְּמַאַת הַשֵּׁם), 'defiled of name,' indicates ruined reputation; rabbat ha-mehumah (רַבָּת הַמְּהוּמָה), 'great in turmoil/confusion,' describes chaotic internal state.

The irony is devastating: Jerusalem, meant to be a 'city on a hill' displaying Yahweh's righteousness (Deuteronomy 4:6-8), instead becomes an object lesson in covenant failure. Her shame is pedagogical—other nations learn from her ruin what happens when God's people betray their calling.

## Historical Context

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International mockery of Jerusalem's fall appears in Lamentations 1:7-8, 2:15-16 and Psalm 137:7. Edomites, Ammonites, and others celebrated Judah's defeat (Ezekiel 25-26). This was worse than military loss—it was theological humiliation, seeming to prove that Yahweh was weaker than Babylonian deities.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does moral failure damage witness more than external circumstances or opposition?
2. What does Jerusalem's universal mockery teach about the missionary consequences of covenant unfaithfulness?

## Interlinear Text

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