

# Lamentations 1

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## Jerusalem's Desolation

- <sup>1</sup> How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!
  - <sup>2</sup> She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.
  - <sup>3</sup> 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 her between the straits.
  - <sup>4</sup> The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.
  - <sup>5</sup> Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.
  - <sup>6</sup> And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.
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- <sup>7</sup> 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.

- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.
- <sup>10</sup> 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.
- <sup>11</sup> All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.
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- <sup>12</sup> Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.
- <sup>13</sup> From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
- <sup>14</sup> The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.
- <sup>15</sup> The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.
- <sup>16</sup> 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, because the enemy prevailed.

- 17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.
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- 18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.
- 19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.
- 20 Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.
- 21 They have heard that I sigh: there is none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.
- 22 Let all their wickedness 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.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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**Lord** — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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**Love** — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

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## **Priest** — כֹהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

## **Righteous** — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

## **Sin** — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

## **Transgression** — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Lamentations 1:1** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 5:16; 1 Kings 4:21; 2 Kings 23:35; Ezra 4:20; Isaiah 3:26; 22:2; 54:4; Zephaniah 2:15

### **Lamentations 1:2**

**Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:9; 1:21; Psalms 6:6; 31:11; Jeremiah 9:1; 13:17; Micah 7:5.

**Love:** Lamentations 1:19; Jeremiah 4:30; 30:14

**Lamentations 1:3** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 2:9

**Lamentations 1:4** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 9:11; 10:22; 14:2

**Lamentations 1:5** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 39:9. **Sin:** Ezekiel 9:9

**Lamentations 1:6** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 24:25

**Lamentations 1:7** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 42:4; 79:4

### **Lamentations 1:8**

**Sin:** Jeremiah 13:22. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:11; Jeremiah 13:26

## **Lamentations 1:9**

**Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:29; Psalms 25:18; 119:153; Ecclesiastes 4:1; Isaiah 47:7; Jeremiah 2:34. **References Lord:** Lamentations 1:17; Isaiah 3:8; Jeremiah 48:26; Zephaniah 2:10

**Lamentations 1:10** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:7; Deuteronomy 23:3; Nehemiah 13:1; Jeremiah 51:51

**Lamentations 1:11** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 2:12; Jeremiah 52:6. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 38:9

**Lamentations 1:12** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 18:16; Daniel 9:12. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 30:24

**Lamentations 1:13** **Parallel theme:** Job 19:6; 30:30; Psalms 22:14; 66:11; Ezekiel 12:13; 17:20; Nahum 1:6; Habakkuk 3:16; Hebrews 12:29

**Lamentations 1:14** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 47:6; Ezekiel 25:4. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 28:48; Jeremiah 28:14; Ezekiel 25:7. **Sin:** Proverbs 5:22

**Lamentations 1:15** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 28:18; 63:3; Luke 21:24; Hebrews 10:29; Revelation 19:15. **References Lord:** Malachi 4:3

## **Lamentations 1:16**

**Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:2; 2:11; 2:18; Psalms 119:136; Jeremiah 13:17; 14:17

**Lamentations 1:17** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:16; Isaiah 1:15; Jeremiah 4:31. **References Lord:** Lamentations 1:9. **References Jerusalem:** 2 Kings 25:1

**Lamentations 1:18** **References Lord:** Lamentations 1:12; Psalms 119:75. **Righteousness:** Nehemiah 9:33; Jeremiah 12:1; Zephaniah 3:5. **Word:** Psalms 107:11. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 3:42

**Lamentations 1:19** **Love:** Lamentations 1:2. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:11; 2:20

**Lamentations 1:20** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 2:11; Job 30:27; Isaiah 16:11; Jeremiah 4:19. **Word:** Deuteronomy 32:25; Ezekiel 7:15

**Lamentations 1:21** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:2; 1:4; 1:8; 1:16; 1:22; 2:15; Psalms 35:15; Jeremiah 50:11; 51:24

**Lamentations 1:22** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 8:18; Revelation 6:10

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