

# Lamentations 2

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## **The Lord's Anger Against Jerusalem**

- 1** How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!
  - 2** The Lord hath swallowed up 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.
  - 3** He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn 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.
  - 4** He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.
  - 5** The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.
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- 6** And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

- <sup>7</sup> The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred 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.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> 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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- <sup>11</sup> Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver 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.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.
- <sup>13</sup> 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?
- <sup>14</sup> Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.
- <sup>15</sup> 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?

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: 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 of thine adversaries.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Altar — מזבח (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

### Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

### Iniquity — עָוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עָוֹן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

### Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (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.

### Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) 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.

### Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

### Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Lamentations 2:1** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 132:7; Ezekiel 30:18; Joel 2:2; Matthew 11:23.

**References Lord:** 1 Chronicles 28:2; Psalms 99:5

### **Lamentations 2:2**

**References Lord:** Lamentations 2:5; 2:17. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 2:21; 3:43; Isaiah 25:12; 26:5; 43:28; Ezekiel 9:10. **Judgment:** Psalms 21:9

**Lamentations 2:3** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 74:11; 75:5; 75:10; 79:5; 89:46; Isaiah 42:25; Jeremiah 48:25

### **Lamentations 2:4**

**Parallel theme:** Job 6:4; Isaiah 42:25; Jeremiah 7:20; 21:5; 30:14; Ezekiel 24:25

**Lamentations 2:5** **References Lord:** Lamentations 2:2; 2 Kings 25:9; Jeremiah 52:13.

**Parallel theme:** Lamentations 2:4; Jeremiah 30:14

**Lamentations 2:6** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:4; Zephaniah 3:18. **References Lord:** Lamentations 4:16

**Lamentations 2:7** **Temple:** Ezekiel 24:21. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 52:13. **Parallel theme:** Amos 2:5

**Lamentations 2:8** **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 21:13; Isaiah 3:26; 34:11; Jeremiah 14:2. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 5:10

**Lamentations 2:9** **Word:** 2 Chronicles 15:3; Ezekiel 7:26. **Kingdom:** Deuteronomy 28:36; Hosea 3:4. **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 1:3; Jeremiah 51:30. **Prophecy:** Psalms 74:9

**Lamentations 2:10** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:1; 1:4; 3:28; Joshua 7:6; Isaiah 3:26; 15:3; 47:1; Ezekiel 7:18; Amos 8:3

### **Lamentations 2:11**

**Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:16; 1:20; Job 16:13; Psalms 6:7; 22:14; Isaiah 22:4; Jeremiah 4:19

## **Lamentations 2:13**

**Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:12; 2 Samuel 5:20; Jeremiah 8:22; 14:17

**Lamentations 2:14** **Sin:** Isaiah 58:1. **Prophecy:** Jeremiah 2:8; 5:31; Ezekiel 22:25; 22:28

**Lamentations 2:15** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:7; 48:2; 50:2; Isaiah 64:11; Jeremiah 18:16; 19:8; Ezekiel 25:6; Zephaniah 2:15. **References Jerusalem:** Isaiah 37:22

## **Lamentations 2:16**

**Parallel theme:** Lamentations 3:46; Psalms 22:13; 35:16; 35:21; 37:12; 56:2; 124:3; Jeremiah 51:34

**Lamentations 2:17** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 38:16; 89:42; Ezekiel 8:18; 9:10. **References Lord:** Lamentations 1:5; 2:8; Jeremiah 18:11; Ezekiel 5:11; Micah 2:3

**Lamentations 2:18** **References Lord:** Lamentations 2:8; Psalms 119:145; Jeremiah 13:17. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:2; 1:16; Psalms 119:136; Jeremiah 9:1; 14:17; Hosea 7:14; Habakkuk 2:11

**Lamentations 2:19** **Parallel theme:** Judges 7:19; Psalms 62:8; 141:2; 142:2; Isaiah 26:9; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12. **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 1:15; Psalms 42:8; 119:55

**Lamentations 2:20** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 4:10; Psalms 78:64; Jeremiah 19:9. **References Lord:** Exodus 32:11; Deuteronomy 9:26. **Prophecy:** Lamentations 4:13

## **Lamentations 2:21**

**Word:** Lamentations 2:17; 2 Chronicles 36:17; Jeremiah 18:21. **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:15; 2:2; 3:43; Jeremiah 13:14; Zechariah 11:6

**Lamentations 2:22** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 31:13; Jeremiah 6:25