

Lamentations

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This book contains the account of Jeremiah's sorrow because of God punishing Israel. We call this book Lamentations

The sorrows of the people of Jerusalem

1 Jerusalem was w
once w* full of
people,

b ut now it
is deserted.

w Once w* it was
honored by people
all over the
world,

b ut now it
is w grieving
abandoned w* like [SIM]
a widow.

w Once w* it was w
honored w* w like w*
[MET] a princess w
is w* w honored w*
among the nations,

b ut now w we w* w
who w* w live w* w
here w* have become
slaves.

2 We [PRS] weep
bitterly w all w* night
long,

w ith tears flowing
down our cheeks.

A mong|strong="H5921" w the|strong="H3605" w* w
 people|strong="H5971" w* w in|strong="H5921" w* all|strong="H3605" w
 the|strong="H3605" w* w nations|strong="H1471" w*
 that|strong="H3605" loved|strong="H0157" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"

t here|strong="H1961" are|strong="H1961" none|strong="H3605"
 that|strong="H3605" comfort|strong="H5162" us|strong="H5921" w
 now|strong="H1961" w*.

A ll|strong="H3605" w the|strong="H3605" w* w
 rulers|strong="H8269" w* w of|strong="H5921" w* w
 those|strong="H3605" w* w nations|strong="H1471" w* w
 that|strong="H3605" w* w were|strong="H1961" w* w
 previously|strong="H8543" w* our|strong="H3605" allies|strong="H2266"
 have|strong="H1961" betrayed|strong="H0898" us|strong="H5921",

a nd|strong="H3915" they|strong="H5921" are|strong="H1961"
 all|strong="H3605" now|strong="H1961" enemies|strong="H0341" w
 of|strong="H5921" w* w the|strong="H3605" w* w
 people|strong="H5971" w* w of|strong="H5921" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389" w*.

3w The|strong="H3605" w* w people|strong="H1471" w* w
 of|strong="H3427" w* Judah|strong="H3063" have|strong="H1471"
 been|strong="H3808" □ exiled|strong="H1540"/forced|strong="H4522"
 to|strong="H3063" go|strong="H1540" to|strong="H3063"
 other|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" □

a nd|strong="H3063" caused|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3063"
 suffer|strong="H5414" greatly|strong="H7230" as|strong="H7230"
 slaves|strong="H5650".

T hey|strong="H3808" live|strong="H3427" in|strong="H3427" w
 other|strong="H3605" w* nations|strong="H1471"

w here|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" do|strong="H3063"
 not|strong="H3808" have|strong="H1471"
 peace|strong="H7965"/safety|strong="H0983".

T heir|strong="H3605" enemies|strong="H0341" seized|strong="H8610"
 them|strong="H7291",

a nd|strong="H3063" there|strong="H3427" was|strong="H1931"
no|strong="H3808" way|strong="H3605" for|strong="H3427"
them|strong="H7291" to|strong="H3063" escape|strong="H4422".

4The|strong="H3605" roads|strong="H1870" to|strong="H1870"
Zion|strong="H6726" w Hill|strong="H2022"w* are|strong="H1870"
empty|strong="H7387" [PRS]

b ecause|strong="H1097" no|strong="H1097" one|strong="H3605"
comes|strong="H0935" w here|strong="H1870"w* to|strong="H1870" w
celebrate|strong="H6213"w* the|strong="H3605" sacred|strong="H6944"
festivals|strong="H4150".

T he|strong="H3605" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179"
are|strong="H1870" deserted|strong="H8074",

a nd|strong="H3548" the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"
groan|strong="H0584".

T he|strong="H3605" young|strong="H5288" women|strong="H1330" w
of|strong="H1870"w* w Jerusalem|strong="H3389"w*
cry|strong="H7121"

w because|strong="H1097"w* they|strong="H1931"
are|strong="H1870" suffering|strong="H6040" greatly|strong="H4751".

5Our|strong="H3068" enemies|strong="H6862" have|strong="H1961"
conquered|strong="H5221" the|strong="H6440" city|strong="H5892",

a nd|strong="H1980" w now|strong="H1961"w* they|strong="H3588"
prosper|strong="H7951".

Y ahweh|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068"
punished|strong="H6485" w the|strong="H6440"w* w
people|strong="H6862"w* w of|strong="H3068"w*
Jerusalem|strong="H3389"

b ecause|strong="H3588" of|strong="H3068" all|strong="H5921"
the|strong="H6440" sins|strong="H6588" that|strong="H3588"
they|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" committed|strong="H1961".

T he|strong = "H6440" children|strong = "H5768" w of|strong = "H3068" w*
w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* have|strong = "H1961"
been|strong = "H1961" captured|strong = "H7628"

a nd|strong = "H1980" taken|strong = "H1961" w to|strong = "H1980" w* w
other|strong = "H0312" w* w countries|strong = "H0776" w*.

6 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" was|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"
beautiful|strong = "H1926" city|strong = "H5892",

b ut|strong = "H3808" it|strong = "H6440" is|strong = "H3605"
not|strong = "H3808" beautiful|strong = "H1926" now|strong = "H1961".

T he|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H8269" w of|strong = "H1323" w*
w the|strong = "H3605" w* w city|strong = "H5892" w* are|strong = "H8269"
like|strong = "H1961" [SIM] deer|strong = "H0354" that|strong = "H3605"
are|strong = "H8269" starving

b ecause|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1323" being|strong = "H1961"
unable|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3318" find|strong = "H4672"
any|strong = "H3605" grass|strong = "H2682" w to|strong = "H3318" w* w
eat|strong = "H0398" w*.

T hey|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H8269" very|strong = "H3966"
weak|strong = "H3212",

w ith|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" result|strong = "H4480"
that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H8269"
unable|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3318" run|strong = "H7291"
from|strong = "H4480" their|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341".

7w The|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
of|strong = "H3117" w* Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" are|strong = "H3117"
sad|strong = "H7451" and|strong = "H3117" scattered|strong = "H5971",

a nd|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3117" think|strong = "H2142"
about|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" previous|strong = "H7223"
greatness|strong = "H1433" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605"
city|strong = "H5892".

w But|strong = "H1961" w* w now|strong = "H1961" w*
our|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H6862" have|strong = "H1961"
captured|strong = "H3920" the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892",

a nd|strong = "H3117" there|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H3117"
no|strong = "H3605" one|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H1961"
help|strong = "H5826" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971".

O ur|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H6862"
destroyed|strong = "H4229" the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892"

a nd|strong = "H3117" laughed|strong = "H7832" while|strong = "H1961"
they|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H1961" doing|strong = "H3027"
that|strong = "H5971".

8w The|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H1931" w* w
of|strong = "H5921" w* [PRS] Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
have|strong = "H1961" sinned|strong = "H2398" very|strong = "H3651"
much|strong = "H5921";

w it|strong = "H1931" w* w is|strong = "H1931" w* w
as|strong = "H1961" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w*
[MET|strong = "H6298"] the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H1931"
has|strong = "H1961" become|strong = "H1961" w like|strong = "H1961" w*
a|strong = "H1961" filthy|strong = "H6674" w rag|strong = "H0899" w*.

A ll|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" w
previously|strong = "H1571" w* honored|strong = "H3513"
the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H1931" w now|strong = "H1961" w*
despise|strong = "H2107" it|strong = "H1931",

b ecause|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" see|strong = "H7200"
that|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H1931" has|strong = "H1961"
become|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3651" disgraced|strong = "H0954"
[MET|strong = "H6298"].

N ow|strong = "H1961" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
people|strong = "H1931" w* w of|strong = "H5921" w* the|strong = "H3605"
city|strong = "H1931" groan|strong = "H0584",

a nd|strong = "H7725" they|strong = "H3588" cover|strong = "H3680"
their|strong = "H3605" faces|strong = "H5921" w
because|strong = "H3588" w* w they|strong = "H3588" w* w
are|strong = "H1571" w* w very|strong = "H3651" w* w
ashamed|strong = "H0954" w*.

9The city has become filthy because of [PRS] the sins that the people have committed;

they did not think about what could happen to the city.

Now the city has been destroyed,

and there is no one to comfort the people.

The people cry saying, "Yahweh, look at how we are suffering

because our enemies have defeated us!"

10Our enemies have taken away all our treasures,

all the valuable things that we owned.

We have seen the soldiers from other nations, men who do not worship Yahweh, enter our sacred temple,

w the|strong="H3605" w* w place|strong="H3027" w*
 where|strong="H5921" foreigners|strong="H1471"/non-Israelis
 were|strong="H3027" □ forbidden|strong="H6680"/not|strong="H3808"
 allowed|strong="H5414" □ to|strong="H5921" enter|strong="H0935".

11The|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H3068"
 the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" groan|strong="H0584"

w hile|strong="H1961" they|strong="H3588" search|strong="H1245"
 for|strong="H3588" food|strong="H3899";

t hey|strong="H3588" have|strong="H1961" given|strong="H5414"
 their|strong="H3605" treasures|strong="H0214"

t o|strong="H7725" get|strong="H7725" food|strong="H3899" w
 to|strong="H7725" w* w eat|strong="H3899" w* to|strong="H7725"
 remain|strong="H1961" alive|strong="H5315".

w They|strong="H3588" w* w say|strong="H7725" w*,
 "Yahweh|strong="H3068", look|strong="H7200" w at|strong="H3068" w*
 w us|strong="H5414" w*,

a nd|strong="H3068" see|strong="H7200" that|strong="H3588"
 we|strong="H3588" are|strong="H5971" despised|strong="H2151"!"

12You|strong="H3605" people|strong="H3808" who|strong="H3605"
 pass|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5674",

y ou|strong="H3605" do|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" [RHQ]
 seem|strong="H5869" to|strong="H3068" care|strong="H3027"
 at|strong="H3068" all|strong="H3605" w about|strong="H3117" w* w
 what|strong="H7200" w* w has|strong="H3068" w* w
 happened|strong="H1961" w* w to|strong="H3068" w* w
 us|strong="H7200" w*.

L ook|strong="H7200" around|strong="H5674" and|strong="H3068"
 see|strong="H7200"

t hat|strong="H7200" there|strong="H3426" are|strong="H3117"
 no|strong="H3808" other|strong="H3605" [RHQ] people|strong="H3808"
 who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H3117" suffering|strong="H6040"
 like|strong="H1870" we|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117".

Y ahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5674"
us|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H3068" suffer|strong = "H5414"

b ecause|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H3068"
extremely|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H5674" w
with|strong = "H3068" w* w us|strong = "H7200" w*.

13w It|strong = "H5414" w* w is|strong = "H3117" w* w
as|strong = "H3117" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H3117"
sent|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H5414" fire|strong = "H0784"
from|strong = "H7725" heaven|strong = "H4791" [MTY]

t hat|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H7971" in|strong = "H3117"
our|strong = "H3605" bones|strong = "H6106";

w it|strong = "H5414" w* w is|strong = "H3117" w* w
as|strong = "H3117" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w*
[MET|strong = "H6298"] he|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3117"
placed|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H5414" trap|strong = "H4170"
for|strong = "H7971" our|strong = "H3605" feet|strong = "H7272",

a nd|strong = "H7971" has|strong = "H3117" prevented|strong = "H6923"
us|strong = "H5414" from|strong = "H7725" walking|strong = "H1980"
any|strong = "H3605" further|strong = "H5750".

H e|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3117" abandoned|strong = "H5800"
us|strong = "H5414";

w e|strong = "H3117" are|strong = "H3117"
weak|strong = "H3605"/miserable|strong = "H5999" w
every|strong = "H3605" w* w day|strong = "H3117" w*, all|strong = "H3605"
day|strong = "H3117" long|strong = "H3117".

14He|strong = "H3027" caused|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921"
sins|strong = "H6588" that|strong = "H5414" we|strong = "H3201"
have|strong = "H3027" committed|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3201"
be|strong = "H3808" w like|strong = "H3808" w* a|strong = "H5414"
heavy|strong = "H3513" load|strong = "H4853" for|strong = "H5921"
us|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3201" carry|strong = "H6965";

w it|strong = "H5414" w* w is|strong = "H3027" w* w
 as|strong = "H5927" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w*
 [MET|strong = "H6298"] he|strong = "H3027" tied|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5414" around|strong = "H5921" our|strong = "H5414"
 necks|strong = "H6677".

P reviously|strong = "H3808" we|strong = "H3201" were|strong = "H3027"
 strong|strong = "H3581",

b ut|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H3027" has|strong = "H3027"
 caused|strong = "H5414" us|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3201"
 become|strong = "H3027" weak|strong = "H3782".

H e|strong = "H3027" has|strong = "H3027" allowed|strong = "H3201"
 our|strong = "H5414" enemies|strong = "H6965" to|strong = "H3201"
 capture|strong = "H3920" us|strong = "H5414",

a nd|strong = "H6965" we|strong = "H3201" were|strong = "H3027"
 not|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3201"
 do|strong = "H3201" anything|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3201"
 resist|strong = "H2388" them|strong = "H5414".

15Yahweh|strong = "H3068" looked|strong = "H3063" at|strong = "H5921"
 our|strong = "H3605" mighty|strong = "H1368" soldiers|strong = "H5650"

a nd|strong = "H3063" laughed|strong = "H6711" at|strong = "H5921"
 them|strong = "H5921".

H e|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H3063" summoned|strong = "H7121"
 a|strong = "H7121" great|strong = "H1419" army|strong = "H2428"

t o|strong = "H5921" w come|strong = "H1869" w* w
 and|strong = "H3063" w* crush|strong = "H7665" our|strong = "H3605"
 young|strong = "H5288" soldiers|strong = "H5650".

w It|strong = "H7121" w* w is|strong = "H3605" w* w
 as|strong = "H3063" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w*
 [MET|strong = "H6298"] Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3063"
 trampled|strong = "H1869" on|strong = "H5921" w us|strong = "H5921" w*
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1323" Judah|strong = "H3063"

I like|strong = "H7130" [SIM] w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
trample|strong = "H7429" w* on|strong = "H5921" grapes|strong = "H6025"
in|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H7121" pit|strong = "H0953" w
to|strong = "H5921" w* w make|strong = "H7121" w* w
wine|strong = "H1660" w*.

16I|strong = "H3588" weep|strong = "H1058" because|strong = "H3588"
of|strong = "H1121" w all|strong = "H1058" w* those|strong = "H4480"
things|strong = "H1961";

m y|strong = "H5921" eyes|strong = "H5869" are|strong = "H1121"
filled|strong = "H4390" with|strong = "H5921" tears|strong = "H1058".

T here|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H5315" no|strong = "H4480"
one|strong = "H4480" to|strong = "H7725" comfort|strong = "H5162"
me|strong = "H5315";

t hose|strong = "H4480" who|strong = "H1121" could|strong = "H3201"
encourage|strong = "H2388" me|strong = "H5315" are|strong = "H1121"
far|strong = "H7368" away|strong = "H7725".

O ur|strong = "H5921" enemies|strong = "H0341" have|strong = "H1961"
conquered|strong = "H5221" w us|strong = "H7725" w*,

s o|strong = "H4480" our|strong = "H5921" children|strong = "H1121"
have|strong = "H1961" nothing|strong = "H3808" good|strong = "H5869"
to|strong = "H7725" □ hope|strong = "H3176"
for|strong = "H3588"/expect|strong = "H6960" to|strong = "H7725"
happen|strong = "H1961" □.

17w We|strong = "H0587" w* w people|strong = "H6862" w* w
of|strong = "H3068" w* [PRS] Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
reach|strong = "H1961" out|strong = "H6566" our|strong = "H3068"
hands|strong = "H3027" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w get|strong = "H3027" w*
w help|strong = "H1961" w*,

b ut|strong = "H1961" there|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H3068"
no|strong = "H1961" one|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3068"
comfort|strong = "H5162" us|strong = "H5439".

Yahweh has decided concerning descendants of Jacob

that in the land of the nations will become our enemies;

so that they consider that

Jerusalem has become like [MET] a filthy rag.

18 But what Yahweh has done with us is fair,

because we have rebelled against obeying the commands that he gave us.

You everywhere, listen to us;

we look with and see that we are suffering with greatly.

We had with many sons and daughters,

b ut|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068"
 been|strong = "H5971" captured|strong = "H7628" and|strong = "H1980"
 forced|strong = "H4522" to|strong = "H1980" go|strong = "H1980"
 to|strong = "H1980" distant|strong = "H7350" countries|strong = "H0776".

19We|strong = "H3588" pleaded|strong = "H7378" with|strong = "H5892"
 our|strong = "H3588" allies|strong = "H2266" w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 help|strong = "H5826" w* w us|strong = "H7725" w*,

b ut|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992" w all|strong = "H7725" w*
 refused|strong = "H3985".

O ur|strong = "H3588" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H7725"
 our|strong = "H3588" leaders|strong = "H2205"

h ave|strong = "H3548" died|strong = "H1478" w from|strong = "H7725" w*
 w hunger|strong = "H5315" w* in|strong = "H5315" the|strong = "H3588"
 city|strong = "H5892"

w hile|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H1992"
 searching|strong = "H1245" for|strong = "H3588" food|strong = "H3899"

w to|strong = "H7725" w* w eat|strong = "H0398" w* to|strong = "H7725"
 remain|strong = "H3427" alive|strong = "H5315".

20Yahweh|strong = "H3068", see|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H3588"
 we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H3068" suffering|strong = "H6040"
 very|strong = "H4784" much|strong = "H7227".

w It|strong = "H3588" w* w is|strong = "H3068" w* w
 as|strong = "H3068" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* our|strong = "H3068"
 inner|strong = "H1004" beings|strong = "H7200" are|strong = "H3068"
 tormented|strong = "H1204".

W e|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H3068" sad|strong = "H7451" [SYN]

b ecause|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068"
 rebelled|strong = "H4784" w against|strong = "H2719" w* w
 you|strong = "H3588" w*.

O ur|strong = "H3068" enemies|strong = "H6862" kill|strong = "H2719"
 people|strong = "H6862" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H7200"
 streets|strong = "H2351" with|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3068"
 swords|strong = "H2719";

p eople|strong = "H6862" are|strong = "H3068" dying|strong = "H0006" w
 because|strong = "H3588" w* w they|strong = "H3588" w* w
 have|strong = "H3068" w* w no|strong = "H7200" w* w
 food|strong = "H1004" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 eat|strong = "H0398" w*.

21 People|strong = "H8085" have|strong = "H1961" heard|strong = "H8085"
 us|strong = "H6213" while|strong = "H1961" we|strong = "H3588"
 groaned|strong = "H0584",

b ut|strong = "H3588" no|strong = "H6213" one|strong = "H3605" w
 came|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H1961" w*
 comfort|strong = "H5162" us|strong = "H6213".

w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w*, you|strong = "H3588"
 caused|strong = "H1961" us|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H1961"
 experience|strong = "H7200" this|strong = "H6213" w
 disaster|strong = "H7451" w*,

a nd|strong = "H3117" our|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 are|strong = "H3117" happy|strong = "H0835" to|strong = "H1961"
 see|strong = "H7200" what|strong = "H7451" you|strong = "H3588"
 have|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H6213" w to|strong = "H1961" w* w
 us|strong = "H6213" w*.

B ut|strong = "H3588" cause|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H7121"
 soon|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H1961" promised|strong = "H1696",

w hen|strong = "H3588" our|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 will|strong = "H1961" suffer|strong = "H1961" like|strong = "H3644"
 we|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H1961" suffered|strong = "H5414"!

22 w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w*, see|strong = "H5953"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" evil|strong = "H7451"
 things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 have|strong = "H3605" done|strong = "H5953"

a nd|strong = "H6440" punish|strong = "H6485" them|strong = "H5921"!

w Punish|strong = "H6485" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w*
like|strong = "H3820" you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3605"
punished|strong = "H6485" us|strong = "H5921"

f or|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
sins|strong = "H6588" that|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588"
committed|strong = "H3820"!

w We|strong = "H3588" w* w say|strong = "H0559" w* w
this|strong = "H3588" w* w to|strong = "H5921" w* w
you|strong = "H3588" w* because|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588"
suffer|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H6440" groan|strong = "H0584"
very|strong = "H7227" much|strong = "H7227",

a nd|strong = "H6440" we|strong = "H3588"
□faint|strong = "H1742"/are|strong = "H6588" very|strong = "H7227"
sad|strong = "H7451"□.
Yahweh punished Jerusalem

2Yahweh|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3478"
extremely|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H2734" w
with|strong = "H3117" w* w us|strong = "H3117" w*;

a s|strong = "H3117" a|strong = "H3117" result|strong = "H6903", w
it|strong = "H7993" w* w was|strong = "H3478" w* w as|strong = "H3117" w*
w though|strong = "H3588" w* [MET|strong = "H6298"] he|strong = "H3117"
covered|strong = "H5743" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
with|strong = "H3117" a|strong = "H3117" dark|strong = "H2822"
cloud|strong = "H5743".

P reviously|strong = "H3808" it|strong = "H7993" was|strong = "H3478"
a|strong = "H3117" beautiful|strong = "H8597"/glorious|strong = "H8597"
city|strong = "H5892",

b ut|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3478"
caused|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H7993" to|strong = "H3478"
become|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H3117" ruins|strong = "H2723".

A t|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3117" time|strong = "H3117"
he|strong = "H3117" punished|strong = "H6485" [MET|strong = "H6298"]
Israel|strong = "H3478",

h e|strong = "H3117" w even|strong = "H3808" w*
 abandoned|strong = "H5800" his|strong = "H3478" temple|strong = "H1004"
 [MET|strong = "H6298"] w in|strong = "H3478" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*.

2Yahweh|strong = "H3068" destroyed|strong = "H2040"
 the|strong = "H3605" homes|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1323" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H3808" w* w
 of|strong = "H1323" w* [PRS] Judah|strong = "H3063";

h e|strong = "H3605" did|strong = "H3063" not|strong = "H3808"
 act|strong = "H6213" mercifully.

B ecause|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3063"
 very|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H5678",

h e|strong = "H3605" broke|strong = "H7665" down|strong = "H2040"
 the|strong = "H3605" fortresses|strong = "H4013" of|strong = "H1323"
 Judah|strong = "H3063".

H e|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H3063" caused|strong = "H5414"
 our|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4467" and|strong = "H3063"
 our|strong = "H3605" rulers|strong = "H8269" to|strong = "H2490"
 become|strong = "H1961" disgraced|strong = "H0954",

a nd|strong = "H3063" he|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H3063"
 gotten|strong = "H6213" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H1323"
 them|strong = "H5060".

3Because|strong = "H6440" he|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3478"
 extremely|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H2734",

h e|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H3478" caused|strong = "H5414"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H7725" not|strong = "H7725"
 be|strong = "H3478" powerful|strong = "H2392" [MET|strong = "H6298"]
 anymore|strong = "H5750".

H e|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H3478" refused|strong = "H3985"
 to|strong = "H7725" assist|strong = "H6677" us|strong = "H7725"

w hen|strong = "H7725" our|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 attacked|strong = "H5221" us|strong = "H7725".

- H** e|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H3478" destroyed|strong = "H4229"
Israel|strong = "H3478"
- l** ike|strong = "H3478" [SIM] a|strong = "H3478" raging|strong = "H7264"
fire|strong = "H0784" destroys|strong = "H7843"
everything|strong = "H3605".
- 4H**e|strong = "H3605" bent|strong = "H1869" his|strong = "H3605"
bow|strong = "H7198" w to|strong = "H1323" w* w
prepare|strong = "H1869" w* w to|strong = "H1323" w* w
shoot|strong = "H1869" w* w us|strong = "H5869" w*, w
his|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H6862" w*,
- a** s|strong = "H5869" though|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3605"
were|strong = "H5869" his|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H6862".
- H** e|strong = "H3605" w prepared|strong = "H3559" w* w
to|strong = "H1323" w* kill|strong = "H2026" the|strong = "H3605"
people|strong = "H6862" whom|strong = "H5869" we|strong = "H3605"
love|strong = "H0157" the|strong = "H3605" most|strong = "H6944"
[MET|strong = "H6298"],
- m** embers|strong = "H3338" of|strong = "H1323" our|strong = "H3605"
own|strong = "H5869" families|strong = "H4940".
- H** e|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3605" extremely|strong = "H3966"
angry|strong = "H2534" [MTY] with|strong = "H6726" us|strong = "H5869"
people|strong = "H6862" of|strong = "H1323" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389";
- h** is|strong = "H3605" anger|strong = "H2534" is|strong = "H3605"
like|strong = "H8210" [SIM] a|strong = "H8210" fire|strong = "H0784".
- 5Y**ahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H1961"
become|strong = "H1961" like|strong = "H1961" an|strong = "H1961"
enemy|strong = "H0340"
- t** o|strong = "H3478" w us|strong = "H1961" w* Israelis;
- h** e|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H1961" destroyed|strong = "H7843"
our|strong = "H3605" palaces|strong = "H0759"

a nd|strong="H3063" caused|strong="H1961" our|strong="H3605"
fortresses|strong="H4013" to|strong="H3478" become|strong="H1961"
ruins|strong="H2723".

H e|strong="H3605" has|strong="H1961" gotten|strong="H6213"
rid|strong="H5337" of|strong="H1323" many|strong="H7235"
people|strong="H5971" in|strong="H3478" Jerusalem|strong="H3389",

a nd|strong="H3063" caused|strong="H1961" us|strong="H1961"
to|strong="H3478" mourn|strong="H5594" and|strong="H3063"
weep|strong="H1058" w for|strong="H3478" w* w
those|strong="H3605" w* w who|strong="H3605" w* w
were|strong="H3478" w* w killed|strong="H2026" w*.

6He|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" caused|strong="H5414"
his|strong="H3068" temple|strong="H1004" to|strong="H3068"
be|strong="H3068" smashed|strong="H7665"

w as|strong="H3068" w* w easily|strong="H4592" w*
as|strong="H3068" [SIM] if|strong="H0518" it|strong="H3068"
was|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" shelter|strong="H4268"
in|strong="H3068" a|strong="H3068" garden|strong="H1588".

H e|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" caused|strong="H5414" w
us|strong="H7911" w*, w his|strong="H3068" w* w
people|strong="H5971" w*, to|strong="H3068" forget|strong="H7911"

a ll|strong="H7843" our|strong="H3068" sacred|strong="H6944"
festivals|strong="H4150" and|strong="H3068" Sabbath|strong="H7676"
days|strong="H4150".

H e|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" caused|strong="H5414" w
our|strong="H3068" w* kings|strong="H4428" and|strong="H3068"
priests|strong="H3548" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"
rejected|strong="H7911"

b ecause|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068"
extremely|strong="H3966" angry|strong="H2734" with|strong="H3068"
them|strong="H7843".

7Yahweh|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068"
rejected|strong="H2186" his|strong="H5414" own|strong="H3027"
altar|strong="H4196"

and abandoned his temple.

He has allowed our enemies to tear down the walls

of our temple w and our palaces.

They victoriously in the temple of Yahweh,

like we previously during our sacred festivals.

Yahweh was determined

to cause the walls of our city [MTY] to be torn down.

It was w though he measured the walls

and w then he completely destroyed them.

It was w though he caused and walls to lament/weep,

w because|strong = "H3027" w* w they|strong = "H3068" w* w
 were|strong = "H3027" w* w now|strong = "H3027" w* w
 ruins|strong = "H2723" w*.

9The|strong = "H3068" city|strong = "H8179" gates|strong = "H8179"
 have|strong = "H3068" collapsed|strong = "H5307";

t he|strong = "H3068" bars|strong = "H1280" that|strong = "H3068"
 fastened|strong = "H2883" the|strong = "H3068" gates|strong = "H8179"
 shut|strong = "H5462" have|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H3808"
 smashed|strong = "H7665".

T he|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3068" officials|strong = "H8269" have|strong = "H3068"
 been|strong = "H3808" w* w forced|strong = "H4522" w* w
 to|strong = "H3068" w* go|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
 other|strong = "H0312" countries|strong = "H0776".

N o|strong = "H3808" longer|strong = "H3808" does|strong = "H3808"
 anyone|strong = "H3605" teach|strong = "H3925" the|strong = "H3068"
 people|strong = "H1471" the|strong = "H3068" laws|strong = "H8451" w
 that|strong = "H3068" w* w God|strong = "H3068" w* w
 gave|strong = "H5414" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Moses|strong = "H3808" w*.

T he|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030" do|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" receive|strong = "H3947" any|strong = "H1571"
 visions|strong = "H2377"

w because|strong = "H3068" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 does|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" give|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H4672" any|strong = "H1571".

10The|strong = "H5921" old|strong = "H2205" men|strong = "H2205"
 of|strong = "H1323" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" [MTY] sit|strong = "H3427"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" ground|strong = "H6083",

a nd|strong = "H3389" they|strong = "H5921" say|strong = "H0559"
 nothing|strong = "H3808".

T hey|strong = "H5921" wear|strong = "H5927" rough|strong = "H8181"
 sackcloth|strong = "H8242"

and|strong = "H3389" throw|strong = "H7993" dust|strong = "H6083"
 on|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921" heads|strong = "H7218" w
 to|strong = "H3381" w* w show|strong = "H7200" w* w
 that|strong = "H5927" w* w they|strong = "H5921" w* w
 are|strong = "H6726" w* w sad|strong = "H7451" w*.

The|strong = "H5921" young|strong = "H5288" girls|strong = "H3207"
 of|strong = "H1323" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" bow|strong = "H7198"
 down|strong = "H3381" sorrowfully,

their|strong = "H5921" faces|strong = "H5921" touching|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" ground|strong = "H6083".

My|strong = "H5921" eyes|strong = "H5869" are|strong = "H5971"
 very|strong = "H3966" tired|strong = "H3021" because|strong = "H5921"
 of|strong = "H1323" my|strong = "H5921" tears|strong = "H1832";

I |strong = "H5921" am|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966"
 grieved|strong = "H6087" in|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921"
 soul|strong = "H4578".

Because|strong = "H5921" w very|strong = "H3966" w* w
 many|strong = "H7227" w* w of|strong = "H1323" w* my|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" have|strong = "H5869" been|strong = "H3615"
 killed|strong = "H2026",

I |strong = "H5921" grieve|strong = "H6087" and|strong = "H5971"
 am|strong = "H1961" exhausted|strong = "H3615".

Even|strong = "H5869" w* children|strong = "H5768"
 and|strong = "H5971" babies|strong = "H3245" are|strong = "H5971"
 fainting|strong = "H5848"

w and|strong = "H5971" w* w dying|strong = "H0006" w*
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" streets|strong = "H7339" w
 because|strong = "H5921" w* w they|strong = "H5921" w* w
 have|strong = "H5869" w* w no|strong = "H8210" w* w
 food|strong = "H3899" w*.

They|strong = "H5315" cry|strong = "H7121" out|strong = "H8210"
 to|strong = "H5315" their|strong = "H8210" mothers|strong = "H0517",

“ We|strong = ”H5315” need|strong = ”H4270” [RHQ]
something|strong = ”H1697” to|strong = ”H5315” eat|strong = ”H0398”
and|strong = ”H5892” drink|strong = ”H8354”!”

T hey|strong = ”H5315” faint|strong = ”H5848” like|strong = ”H8210”
wounded|strong = ”H2491” men|strong = ”H5315”

i n|strong = ”H5315” the|strong = ”H5892” streets|strong = ”H7339”
of|strong = ”H5892” the|strong = ”H5892” city|strong = ”H5892”.

T hey|strong = ”H5315” slowly die|strong = ”H4191”

i n|strong = ”H5315” the|strong = ”H5892” arms|strong = ”H2436”
of|strong = ”H5892” their|strong = ”H8210” mothers|strong = ”H0517”.

13You|strong = ”H3588” people|strong = ”H5971” of|strong = ”H1323”
Jerusalem|strong = ”H3389” [MTY, DOU],

□ what|strong = ”H4100” can|strong = ”H4310”
I|strong = ”H3588”/there|strong = ”H8033” is|strong = ”H4310”
nothing|strong = ”H4100” that|strong = ”H3588” I|strong = ”H3588”
can|strong = ”H4310”□ say|strong = ”H0559” w to|strong = ”H3389”w* w
help|strong = ”H1323”w* w you|strong = ”H3588”w*.

N o|strong = ”H4310” people|strong = ”H5971” have|strong = ”H1323”
[RHQ] suffered|strong = ”H5414” like|strong = ”H1819”
you|strong = ”H3588” are|strong = ”H4100” suffering|strong = ”H6040”;

I |strong = ”H3588” do|strong = ”H4100” not|strong = ”H3588”
know|strong = ”H3045” what|strong = ”H4100” I|strong = ”H3588”
can|strong = ”H4310” do|strong = ”H4100” to|strong = ”H3389”
comfort|strong = ”H5162” you|strong = ”H3588”.

T he|strong = ”H3588” disaster|strong = ”H7667” [MET|strong = ”H6298”]
that|strong = ”H3588” you|strong = ”H3588” have|strong = ”H1323”
experienced|strong = ”H3045” is|strong = ”H4310” as|strong = ”H3389”
great|strong = ”H1419”

a s|strong = ”H3389” the|strong = ”H3588” ocean|strong = ”H5437”
is|strong = ”H4310” deep|strong = ”H1419”;

t here|strong="H8033" is|strong="H4310" no|strong="H4310"
 one|strong="H3588" [RHQ] who|strong="H4310" can|strong="H4310"
 restore|strong="H7725" your|strong="H3588" w city|strong="H5892"w*.

14The|strong="H5921" prophets|strong="H5030"
 among|strong="H5921" you|strong="H5921" claimed|strong="H7121"
 that|strong="H5030" they|strong="H3808" had|strong="H5030"
 seen|strong="H2372" visions|strong="H7723" w from|strong="H7725"w*
 w Yahweh|strong="H3068"w*,

b ut|strong="H3808" what|strong="H5921" they|strong="H3808"
 said|strong="H0559" was|strong="H3808" false|strong="H7723"
 and|strong="H7725" worthless|strong="H7723".

T hey|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808" not|strong="H3808"
 save|strong="H3467" you|strong="H5921" from|strong="H7725"
 being|strong="H1961" □exiled|strong="H1540"/forced|strong="H4522"
 to|strong="H7725" go|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725"
 other|strong="H0312" countries|strong="H0776"□,

b ecause|strong="H5921" they|strong="H3808" did|strong="H3808"
 not|strong="H3808" proclaim|strong="H7121" that|strong="H5030"
 you|strong="H5921" had|strong="H5030" sinned|strong="H2398".

I nstead|strong="H3808", the|strong="H5921"
 messages|strong="H2372" that|strong="H5030" they|strong="H3808"
 gave|strong="H7725" you|strong="H5921" deceived|strong="H7411"
 you|strong="H5921"

w because|strong="H5921"w* they|strong="H3808"
 were|strong="H5030" not|strong="H3808" true|strong="H0571".

15All|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H3605"
 pass|strong="H5674" by|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3605"

m ake|strong="H6213" fun of|strong="H1323" [IDM]
 you|strong="H3605";

t hey|strong="H5921" shake|strong="H5128" their|strong="H3605"
 heads|strong="H7218"

and|strong = "H5892" they|strong = "H5921"
hiss|strong = "H8319"/sneer|strong = "H3932" at|strong = "H5921"
you|strong = "H3605".

w They|strong = "H5921" w* w say|strong = "H0559" w*,
"Is|strong = "H1870" this|strong = "H2063" that|strong = "H3605"
great|strong = "H1419" city|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H1323"
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"?

I s|strong = "H1870" it|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
city|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H5892"
the|strong = "H3605" most|strong = "H6944" beautiful|strong = "H3308"
city|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
world|strong = "H8398",

t he|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605"
caused|strong = "H5674" all|strong = "H3605" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
people|strong = "H5128" w* w on|strong = "H5921" w* the|strong = "H3605"
earth|strong = "H0776" to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H3389"
joyful|strong = "H4885"?"

16w Now|strong = "H3117" w* all|strong = "H3605" our|strong = "H3605"
enemies|strong = "H0341" scoff|strong = "H3932" [IDM] at|strong = "H5921"
you|strong = "H3605";

t hey|strong = "H3117" hiss|strong = "H8319"/sneer|strong = "H3932" w
at|strong = "H5921" w* w you|strong = "H3605" w* and|strong = "H3117"
gnash|strong = "H2786" their|strong = "H3605" teeth|strong = "H8127" w
to|strong = "H5921" w* w show|strong = "H7200" w* w
that|strong = "H7200" w* w they|strong = "H3117" w* w
hate|strong = "H8130" w* w you|strong = "H3605" w*.

T hey|strong = "H3117" say|strong = "H6310", "We|strong = "H3117"
have|strong = "H4672" destroyed|strong = "H1104" them|strong = "H5921"!

T his|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H2088" what|strong = "H2088"
we|strong = "H3117" longed|strong = "H3615"/waited|strong = "H6960"
for|strong = "H5921",

a nd|strong = "H3117" now|strong = "H3117" it|strong = "H5921"
has|strong = "H3117" happened|strong = "H4672"!"

17Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213"
what|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H3117" planned|strong = "H2161";

I ong|strong = "H3117" ago|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H3117"
threatened|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H3068" destroy|strong = "H6213"
you|strong = "H6680",

a nd|strong = "H3068" w now|strong = "H3117" w* he|strong = "H3117"
has|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5921".

H e|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3068" destroyed|strong = "H2040" w
your|strong = "H3068" w* w city|strong = "H5892" w*
without|strong = "H3808" acting|strong = "H4603" mercifully w
toward|strong = "H5921" w* w you|strong = "H6680" w*;

h e|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414"
your|strong = "H3068" enemies|strong = "H6862" to|strong = "H3068"
he|strong = "H3117" happy|strong = "H8055" about|strong = "H5921"
defeating|strong = "H5221" you|strong = "H6680";

h e|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414"
your|strong = "H3068" enemies|strong = "H6862" to|strong = "H3068" w
continually|strong = "H3117" w* become|strong = "H6213"
stronger|strong = "H2388".

18I|strong = "H5414" wish|strong = "H2896"/desire|strong = "H8378"
that|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" walls|strong = "H2346"
of|strong = "H1323" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" [APO]

w ould|strong = "H0014" cry|strong = "H6817" out|strong = "H5414"
to|strong = "H3381" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"!

Y ou|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5869" of|strong = "H1323"
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" [MET|strong = "H6298"],

C ry|strong = "H6817" day|strong = "H3119" and|strong = "H5869"
night|strong = "H3915"!

L et|strong = "H5414" your|strong = "H5414" tears|strong = "H1832"
flow|strong = "H3381" like|strong = "H3381" rivers|strong = "H5158".

D o|strong = "H5869" not|strong = "H5414" stop|strong = "H2308"
grieving|strong = "H5110";

d o|strong = "H5869" not|strong = "H5414" stop|strong = "H2308"
crying|strong = "H6817".

19Get|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965" w every|strong = "H3605" w*
night|strong = "H3915" and|strong = "H6965" cry|strong = "H7442"
out|strong = "H8210";

t ell|strong = "H3605" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H5921"
you|strong = "H6440" are|strong = "H4325" feeling.

R aise|strong = "H6965" your|strong = "H3605" arms|strong = "H2220"
to|strong = "H5921" plead|strong = "H7378" to|strong = "H5921"
him|strong = "H6440"

t o|strong = "H5921" act|strong = "H6213" mercifully to|strong = "H5921"
prevent|strong = "H6923" our|strong = "H3605" children|strong = "H5768"
from|strong = "H6440" dying|strong = "H0006";

t hey|strong = "H5921" are|strong = "H4325" fainting|strong = "H5848"
on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" street|strong = "H2351"
corners|strong = "H6285"

b ecause|strong = "H5921" they|strong = "H5921" have|strong = "H3605"
no|strong = "H3605" food|strong = "H3899" to|strong = "H5921"
eat|strong = "H0398".

20Yahweh|strong = "H3068", look|strong = "H7200", and|strong = "H3068"
think|strong = "H7200" w about|strong = "H5027" w* w
it|strong = "H7200" w*!

H ave|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H7200" ever|strong = "H4310"
[RHQ] caused|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H7200"
to|strong = "H3068" suffer|strong = "H5414" like|strong = "H3541"
this|strong = "H3541" before|strong = "H7200"?

w It|strong = "H7200" w* w is|strong = "H3068" w* w
certainly|strong = "H7200" w* w not|strong = "H7200" w* w
right|strong = "H3068" w* w that|strong = "H7200" w* [RHQ]
women|strong = "H0802" are|strong = "H3068" eating|strong = "H0398"
the|strong = "H7200" flesh|strong = "H1320" of|strong = "H3068"
their|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H3548" children|strong = "H5768",

the children whom they have always taken care of!

It is wrong with
not right with
that [RHQ] priests
and prophets are
being killed

in your own temple!

21w The corpses of
people of
all ages lie
in the streets;

where we are
even corpses of
of young men
and young women
who have been
killed by our
enemies' swords.

Because you were
very angry,

you caused them
to be killed;

you have
slaughtered them

without pitying them
at

22You summoned
our enemies to
attack us from
every direction,

a s|strong = "H3117" though|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3117"
 were|strong = "H1961" calling|strong = "H7121"/inviting
 them|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H3068" come|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H1961" feast|strong = "H4150".

A t|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3117" time|strong = "H3117"
 when|strong = "H1961" w you|strong = "H3117" w* w
 showed|strong = "H7200" w* w that|strong = "H3117" w*
 you|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H7235"
 angry|strong = "H2734",

n o|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808" escaped|strong = "H6412".

O ur|strong = "H3068" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 murdered|strong = "H2026" w our|strong = "H3068" w* w
 little|strong = "H7235" w* w children|strong = "H1121" w*,

o nes|strong = "H2945" whom|strong = "H7121" we|strong = "H3117"
 took|strong = "H1961" care|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H3068"
 and|strong = "H3068" reared|strong = "H7235"/brought|strong = "H1961"
 up|strong = "H7235".

Hope in the midst of distress

3I|strong = "H7200" , w the|strong = "H7200" w* w
 one|strong = "H7200" w* w who|strong = "H1397" w* w
 am|strong = "H1961" w* w writing|strong = "H3791" w* w
 this|strong = "H7200" w*, am|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H7200"
 man|strong = "H1397" who|strong = "H1397" has|strong = "H3068"
 been|strong = "H1961"
 afflicted|strong = "H6041"/punished|strong = "H6485" [MTY]
 by|strong = "H1397" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"

b ecause|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H7200" was|strong = "H1397"
 angry|strong = "H5678".

2w It|strong = "H3808" w* w was|strong = "H3808" w* w
 as|strong = "H0834" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H3808"
 caused|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3212"
 walk|strong = "H3212" in|strong = "H3212" a|strong = "H3808"
 very|strong = "H3966" dark|strong = "H2822" place|strong = "H4725"

w ithout|strong = "H3808" any|strong = "H3808" light|strong = "H0216" w
 at|strong = "H3808" w* w all|strong = "H3212" w*.

3He|strong = "H3117" has|strong = "H3117" punished|strong = "H6485"
[IDM] me|strong = "H7725" many|strong = "H7227" times|strong = "H3117",

a ll|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117", w every|strong = "H3605" w*
day|strong = "H3117".

4He|strong = "H1320" has|strong = "H1320" caused|strong = "H5414"
my|strong = "H7665" skin|strong = "H5785" and|strong = "H7665"
my|strong = "H7665" flesh|strong = "H1320" to|strong = "H1320"
become|strong = "H1086" old|strong = "H1086".

H e|strong = "H1320" has|strong = "H1320" broken|strong = "H7665"
my|strong = "H7665" bones|strong = "H6106".

5He|strong = "H5921" has|strong = "H3068" surrounded|strong = "H5362"
me|strong = "H5921" [DOU]

w ith|strong = "H5921" bitterness|strong = "H7219" and|strong = "H1129"
suffering|strong = "H6040".

6w It|strong = "H4191" w* w is|strong = "H4191" w* w
as|strong = "H3427" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H3427"
has|strong = "H3068" buried|strong = "H6912" me|strong = "H4191"
in|strong = "H3427" a|strong = "H3427" dark|strong = "H4285"
place|strong = "H3427"

l ike|strong = "H4191" [SIM] w the|strong = "H4191" w* w
graves|strong = "H6913" w* w of|strong = "H3427" w* those|strong = "H3427"
who|strong = "H3427" have|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H5769"
dead|strong = "H4191" for|strong = "H3427" a|strong = "H3427"
long|strong = "H5769" time|strong = "H5769".

7w It|strong = "H3808" w* w is|strong = "H3808" w* w
as|strong = "H3318" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w*
[MET]|strong = "H6298" he|strong = "H3808" has|strong = "H3318"
built|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H3318" wall|strong = "H1443"
around|strong = "H1157" me|strong = "H1157",

a nd|strong = "H3318" fastened|strong = "H8628"/tied|strong = "H0631"
me|strong = "H1157" with|strong = "H3318" heavy|strong = "H3513"
chains|strong = "H5178",

a nd|strong = "H3318" I|strong = "H3808" cannot|strong = "H3808"
escape|strong = "H3318".

8Although|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" call|strong = "H7768"
out|strong = "H2199" and|strong = "H8605" cry|strong = "H2199"
out|strong = "H2199" for|strong = "H3588" him|strong = "H3588"
to|strong = "H2199" help|strong = "H7768" me|strong = "H3588",

h e|strong = "H3588" does|strong = "H1571" not|strong = "H3588"
pay|strong = "H7999" attention|strong = "H7181" to|strong = "H2199"
my|strong = "H3588" prayers|strong = "H8605".

9w It|strong = "H1496" w* w is|strong = "H1870" w* w
as|strong = "H0834" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H0834"
has|strong = "H3068" blocked|strong = "H1443" my|strong = "H1443"
path|strong = "H5410" with|strong = "H1870" a|strong = "H1443" w
high|strong = "H1116" w* stone|strong = "H1496" w wall|strong = "H1443" w*

a nd|strong = "H1870" has|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5414"
my|strong = "H1443" path|strong = "H5410" to|strong = "H1870"
become|strong = "H1961" crooked|strong = "H5753".

10He|strong = "H1931" has|strong = "H1931" waited|strong = "H3176"
to|strong = "H0413" attack|strong = "H5221" me|strong = "H0413"

l ike|strong = "H3644" [SIM] a|strong = "H1931" bear|strong = "H1677"
or|strong = "H0176" a|strong = "H1931" lion|strong = "H0738"
hides|strong = "H5641" and|strong = "H3967" waits|strong = "H2442" w
to|strong = "H0413" w* w attack|strong = "H5221" w* w
other|strong = "H0312" w* w animals|strong = "H0929" w*.

11w It|strong = "H7760" w* w is|strong = "H1870" w* w
as|strong = "H7760" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H7760"
has|strong = "H3068" dragged|strong = "H5498" me|strong = "H7760"
off|strong = "H5493" the|strong = "H7760" path|strong = "H1870"
and|strong = "H1870" mauled me|strong = "H7760"/torn|strong = "H6582"
me|strong = "H7760" into|strong = "H7760" pieces|strong = "H6582"□,

a nd|strong = "H1870" left|strong = "H5493" me|strong = "H7760"
without|strong = "H5493" help|strong = "H5826".

12w It|strong = "H5414"w* w is|strong = "H7198"w* w
 as|strong = "H0834"w* w though|strong = "H3588"w*
 [MET|strong = "H6298"] he|strong = "H0834" bent|strong = "H1869"
 his|strong = "H1869" bow|strong = "H7198" and|strong = "H7198"
 caused|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H5324" to|strong = "H5324"
 become|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H1869" target|strong = "H4307"

w at|strong = "H7198"w* w which|strong = "H5324"w* w
 he|strong = "H0834"w* w shot|strong = "H1869"w* his|strong = "H1869"
 arrows|strong = "H2671".

13w It|strong = "H1121"w* w is|strong = "H1121"w* w
 as|strong = "H1121"w* w though|strong = "H3588"w* he|strong = "H1121"
 shot|strong = "H3384" his|strong = "H1121" arrows|strong = "H1121"
 deep|strong = "H8415" into|strong = "H0413" my|strong = "H8104"
 body|strong = "H1320".

14All|strong = "H3605" my|strong = "H3605" relatives|strong = "H0251"
 laugh|strong = "H7832" at|strong = "H3117" me|strong = "H1961";

a ll|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117", w every|strong = "H3605"w*
 day|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3117" sing|strong = "H7891"
 songs|strong = "H5058" that|strong = "H5971" make|strong = "H6213" fun
 of|strong = "H3117" me|strong = "H1961".

15He|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H3068" filled|strong = "H7646"
 me|strong = "H7301" with|strong = "H7646"
 □bitterness|strong = "H4844"/great|strong = "H1419"
 suffering|strong = "H6040"□,

w like|strong = "H3644"w* [MET|strong = "H6298"]
 someone|strong = "H0376" who|strong = "H0834" drinks|strong = "H8354"
 a|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966" bitter|strong = "H4844"
 liquid|strong = "H5674" suffers|strong = "H6001".

16w It|strong = "H5414"w* w is|strong = "H0369"w* w
 as|strong = "H0834"w* w though|strong = "H3588"w* he|strong = "H0834"
 has|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H0413"
 to|strong = "H0413" chew|strong = "H5927" gravel|strong = "H2687"
 that|strong = "H0834" broke|strong = "H7665" my|strong = "H1638"
 teeth|strong = "H8127",

a nd|strong = "H8127" he|strong = "H0834" has|strong = "H3068"
trampled|strong = "H7429" me|strong = "H0413" in|strong = "H8127"
the|strong = "H3605" dirt|strong = "H6083".

17Things|strong = "H2896" no|strong = "H3808" longer|strong = "H5750"
go|strong = "H1980" well|strong = "H7965" for|strong = "H5315"
me|strong = "H5315";

I |strong = "H5315" no|strong = "H3808" longer|strong = "H5750"
remember|strong = "H2142" being|strong = "H5315"
prosperous|strong = "H7965".

18I|strong = "H3068" w continued|strong = "H5674" w* w
to|strong = "H3068" w* say|strong = "H0559" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
myself|strong = "H0589" w*, "I|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3808"
longer|strong = "H5750" expect|strong = "H6960" to|strong = "H3068"
live|strong = "H3427" much|strong = "H7227" longer|strong = "H5750";

I |strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3808" longer|strong = "H5750"
confidently|strong = "H2388" expect|strong = "H6960" w
to|strong = "H3068" w* w receive|strong = "H3947" w* w
good|strong = "H2896" w* w things|strong = "H1697" w*
from|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"!"

19When|strong = "H2142" I|strong = "H2142" think|strong = "H2142"
about|strong = "H5439" my|strong = "H2142" suffering|strong = "H6040"
and|strong = "H6040" my|strong = "H2142" wandering|strong = "H4788" w
away|strong = "H5493" w* w from|strong = "H4480" w* w
home|strong = "H1004" w*,

w it|strong = "H5414" w* w is|strong = "H0369" w* w
like|strong = "H3644" w* w drinking|strong = "H8354" w* a|strong = "H1961"
very|strong = "H3966" bitter|strong = "H4751" [DOU]
liquid|strong = "H5674".

20I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H5315" never|strong = "H3808"
forget|strong = "H7911" this|strong = "H2088" time|strong = "H5921"

w hen|strong = "H5921" I|strong = "H5921" feel|strong = "H4184"
very|strong = "H3966"
depressed|strong = "H1800"/discouraged|strong = "H7503" [IDM].

21 However|strong = "H0389", I|strong = "H5921"
 confidently|strong = "H2388" expect|strong = "H6960" w
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 do|strong = "H6213" w* w good|strong = "H2896" w* w
 things|strong = "H1697" w* w for|strong = "H5921" w* w
 me|strong = "H7725" w* w again|strong = "H7725" w*

w hen|strong = "H7725" I|strong = "H5921" think|strong = "H3820"
 about|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H2063":

22 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" never|strong = "H3808"
 stops|strong = "H0331" faithfully|strong = "H2617" loving|strong = "H0157"
 w us|strong = "H3588" w*,

a nd|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3588" never|strong = "H3808"
 stops|strong = "H0331" being|strong = "H3068" kind|strong = "H4327"
 to|strong = "H3068" us|strong = "H3588".

23 w He|strong = "H1242" w* w is|strong = "H7227" w* w
 the|strong = "H1242" w* w one|strong = "H7227" w* w
 whom|strong = "H0834" w* w we|strong = "H0587" w* w
 can|strong = "H4310" w* w always|strong = "H3605"
 trust|strong = "H0982" /lean|strong = "H8172" on|strong = "H5921".

E very|strong = "H1242" morning|strong = "H1242" he|strong = "H1242"
 is|strong = "H7227" merciful|strong = "H2603" w to|strong = "H1242" w* w
 us|strong = "H5414" w* w again|strong = "H7725" w*.

24 w So|strong = "H3651" w* I|strong = "H5921" say|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H3068" myself|strong = "H5315", "Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 is|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H5315"
 I|strong = "H5921" need|strong = "H3651";

s o|strong = "H3651" I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3068"
 confidently|strong = "H2388" wait|strong = "H3176" for|strong = "H5921"
 him|strong = "H5921" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w do|strong = "H3068" w* w
 good|strong = "H2896" w* w things|strong = "H1697" w* w
 for|strong = "H5921" w* w me|strong = "H5315" w*.

25 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" good|strong = "H2896"
 to|strong = "H3068" w all|strong = "H1875" w* those|strong = "H5315"
 who|strong = "H3068" depend|strong = "H7200" on|strong = "H3068"
 him|strong = "H5315",

t o|strong = "H3068" those|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "H3068"
seek|strong = "H1875" his|strong = "H3068" w help|strong = "H5826" w*.

26w So|strong = "H3651" w* it|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068"
good|strong = "H2896" for|strong = "H3068" us|strong = "H5414"
to|strong = "H3068" wait|strong = "H1748" quietly|strong = "H8252"

f or|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
save|strong = "H3467"/rescue|strong = "H5337" w us|strong = "H5414" w*.

27And|strong = "H2896" it|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H2896"
good|strong = "H2896" for|strong = "H3588" us|strong = "H3588"
to|strong = "H2896" w patiently|strong = "H6960" w*
endure|strong = "H5375" w suffering|strong = "H6040" w*

w hile|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H2896"
young|strong = "H2896".

28Those|strong = "H5921" w who|strong = "H3427" w* w
seek|strong = "H1245" w* w his|strong = "H5921" w* w
help|strong = "H5826" w* should|strong = "H3588" sit|strong = "H3427"
by|strong = "H5921" themselves|strong = "H5921", silently|strong = "H1826",

w knowing|strong = "H3045" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w*
it|strong = "H5921" is|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
who|strong = "H3427" has|strong = "H3588"
allowed|strong = "H5414"/caused|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5921"
to|strong = "H5921" suffer|strong = "H5414".

29They|strong = "H6310" should|strong = "H3068" lie|strong = "H5414"
in|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" dirt|strong = "H6083",
with|strong = "H6310" their|strong = "H5414" faces|strong = "H6440"
on|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" ground|strong = "H6083",

w because|strong = "H3588" w* they|strong = "H6310"
can|strong = "H3426" still|strong = "H5750" hope|strong = "H8615" w
that|strong = "H5414" w* w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w
will|strong = "H5414" w* w help|strong = "H5826" w* w
them|strong = "H5414" w*.

30 If someone strikes us on one cheek,

we should turn the other cheek toward that person in that order that we may strike it, we too,

and accept/endure it when we are insulted.

31 Yahweh does not abandon us; his people forever.

32 Sometimes he causes us to suffer,

but sometimes he is kind to us.

Because he continually and faithfully loves us.

33 And he is not happy about causing human beings to suffer.

Or to be sad.

34 If people mistreat prisoners / crush the prisoners the prisoners under their feet

35 or if they rebel against God

b y refusing to give to people the things that it is right for them w to w* receive w*,

36 or if they cause judges to decide matters unjustly,

□ does Yahweh not see things certainly those things? / Yahweh certainly sees all those things! □ [RHQ]

37 No one can [RHQ] command something to happen then w and w* w cause w* w it w* w to w* w happen w*

i f Yahweh has not already decided that it should happen.

38 God in heaven [MTY] is the one who causes disasters to happen,

and he w also w* causes good things to happen.

39w So it is certainly not [RHQ] right for us, who are only humans, to complain

when he punishes us for the sins that we have committed.

40Instead, we should examine/think carefully about our behavior;

we should turn back to Yahweh.

41We should pray sincerely and lift up our arms

toward God in heaven, w and w* w say w*,

42“We have sinned and w rebelled w against w* w you w*,”

and you have forgiven w us w*.

43You have surrounded us with your anger and pursued us;

you have slaughtered without pitying us.

44 You have hidden yourself in a cloud,

with the result that you do not hear when we pray.

45 You have caused the death of nations to consider us

to be only garbage [DOU].

46 All our enemies have insulted us.

47 We are constantly afraid,

because we have experienced disasters and ruin [DOU].”

48 I cry a lot

because my people have been destroyed.

49 My tears continually flow;

t hey|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H5869" not|strong = "H3808"
stop|strong = "H3808"

50until|strong = "H5704" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
looks|strong = "H7200" down|strong = "H8259" from|strong = "H5704"
heaven|strong = "H8064" and|strong = "H3068" sees|strong = "H7200" w
us|strong = "H7200" w*.

51I|strong = "H5315" am|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966"
grieved|strong = "H6087"

b ecause|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1323" w what|strong = "H4100" w*
w has|strong = "H5869" w* w happened|strong = "H1961" w* w
to|strong = "H5315" w* the|strong = "H3605" women|strong = "H1323"
of|strong = "H1323" my|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892".

52Those|strong = "H1992" who|strong = "H0834" are|strong = "H2600"
my|strong = "H8104" enemies|strong = "H0341" hunted|strong = "H6679"
for|strong = "H6679" me|strong = "H6679"

I ike|strong = "H3644" [SIM] w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
hunt|strong = "H6679" w* w for|strong = "H6679" w* a|strong = "H2600"
bird|strong = "H6833" w to|strong = "H2600" w* w kill|strong = "H2026" w* w
it|strong = "H5414" w*

w even|strong = "H1571" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w*
there|strong = "H8033" was|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3808"
reason|strong = "H6440" w for|strong = "H6679" w* w
them|strong = "H6679" w* w to|strong = "H2600" w* w
do|strong = "H6213" w* w that|strong = "H6833" w*.

53They|strong = "H1992" threw|strong = "H7993" me|strong = "H6789"
into|strong = "H2416" a|strong = "H3034" pit|strong = "H0953"
to|strong = "H3034" kill|strong = "H2026" me|strong = "H6789",

a nd|strong = "H3034" they|strong = "H1992" threw|strong = "H7993"
stones|strong = "H0068" on|strong = "H5921" top|strong = "H7218"
of|strong = "H2416" me|strong = "H6789".

54The|strong = "H5921" water|strong = "H4325" w in|strong = "H5921" w*
w the|strong = "H5921" w* w pit|strong = "H0953" w* rose|strong = "H6965"
above|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921" head|strong = "H7218",

and I said w
to w* w myself w*, “I
am about to
die/drown!”

55But from the
bottom of the
pit I cried
out to you [MTY],

“ Yahweh, w help w* w
me w*!”

56I pleaded with
you,

“ Do not refuse
to heed [MTY] me
while I cry
out to you!”

57Then you
answered me

and said, “Do
not be afraid!”

58Yahweh, you
defended me;

you did not
allow me to
die.

59w Now w*, Yahweh,
you have seen
the evil things
that my enemies
have done to
me,

w so|strong="H7200"w* decide|strong="H8199" my|strong="H3068"
 case|strong="H4941" w and|strong="H3068"w* w
 show|strong="H7200"w* w that|strong="H7200"w* w
 I|strong="H7200"w* w am|strong="H3068"w* w
 right|strong="H4941"w*!

60You|strong="H3605" know|strong="H3045" the|strong="H3605"
 evil|strong="H7451" things|strong="H3605"

t hat|strong="H7200" they|strong="H3605" have|strong="H7200"
 planned|strong="H3289" to|strong="H7200" do|strong="H3605"
 to|strong="H7200" me|strong="H7200".

61Yahweh|strong="H3068", you|strong="H3605" have|strong="H3068"
 heard|strong="H8085" them|strong="H5921" insult|strong="H2781" w
 me|strong="H5921"w*

a nd|strong="H3068" what|strong="H8085" they|strong="H3068"
 have|strong="H3068" planned|strong="H3289" to|strong="H3068"
 do|strong="H3068" to|strong="H3068" me|strong="H5921".

62Every|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" they|strong="H3117"
 whisper|strong="H6850" and|strong="H6965" mutter|strong="H1897"
 things|strong="H3605" about|strong="H5921" me|strong="H5921",

a ll|strong="H3605" day|strong="H3117" long|strong="H3117".

63Look|strong="H5027" at|strong="H3427" them|strong="H3427"!
 Whether|strong="H0518" they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H3117"
 standing|strong="H5975" or|strong="H3427" sitting|strong="H3427"

t hey|strong="H1992" make|strong="H3427" fun of|strong="H3427"
 me|strong="H0413" with|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3427"
 songs|strong="H7892" that|strong="H3427" they|strong="H1992"
 sing|strong="H7891".

64Yahweh|strong="H3068", cause|strong="H7725"
 them|strong="H7725" to|strong="H7725" suffer|strong="H5414"

i n|strong="H3068" return|strong="H7725" for|strong="H3027"
 their|strong="H3068" causing|strong="H7462" w me|strong="H7725"w*
 to|strong="H7725" suffer|strong="H5414"!

65Curse|strong = "H8381" them|strong = "H5414" [IDM]

w for|strong = "H5414" w* their|strong = "H5414" being|strong = "H1961"
very|strong = "H1992" stubborn|strong = "H5637" [IDM].

66Because|strong = "H8478" you|strong = "H7291" are|strong = "H8064"
angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3068" them|strong = "H7291",
pursue|strong = "H7291" them|strong = "H7291" and|strong = "H3068"
get|strong = "H3947" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H3068"
them|strong = "H7291",

w until|strong = "H3068" w* w none|strong = "H0369" w* w
of|strong = "H3068" w* w them|strong = "H7291" w* w
remain|strong = "H3427" w* on|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
earth|strong = "H8064".

What happened when Jerusalem was destroyed

4w Previously|strong = "H8543" w* w our|strong = "H3605" w* w
people|strong = "H5971" w* w were|strong = "H7218" w* w
like|strong = "H8210" w* [MET|strong = "H6298"] pure|strong = "H2896"
gold|strong = "H2091",

b ut|strong = "H3605" now|strong = "H6258" they|strong = "H3605"
are|strong = "H2896" worthless|strong = "H1100".

w Like|strong = "H8210" w* [MET|strong = "H6298"] the|strong = "H3605"
sacred|strong = "H6944" stones|strong = "H0068" in|strong = "H2896"
the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" have|strong = "H3605"
been|strong = "H3605" scattered|strong = "H6327",

w our|strong = "H3605" w* w young|strong = "H2896" w* w
men|strong = "H7218" w* w have|strong = "H3605" w* w
been|strong = "H3605" w* w scattered|strong = "H6327" w*.

2The|strong = "H3027" young|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" were|strong = "H1121"
as|strong = "H2803" valuable|strong = "H3368" as|strong = "H2803"
[MET|strong = "H6298"] large|strong = "H1419" amounts|strong = "H4948"
of|strong = "H1121" gold|strong = "H6337",

b ut|strong = "H3588" now|strong = "H3027" people|strong = "H1121"
 consider|strong = "H2803" that|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H3027"
 are|strong = "H1121" as|strong = "H2803" worthless|strong = "H1100"
 as|strong = "H2803" w ordinary|strong = "H2455" w* clay|strong = "H2789"
 pots|strong = "H5518".

3Even|strong = "H1571" the|strong = "H3588" w
 female|strong = "H1323" w*
 jackals|strong = "H8565" /wolves|strong = "H2061" feed|strong = "H7462"
 their|strong = "H3588" pups,

b ut|strong = "H3588" my|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H5971"
 act|strong = "H6213" cruelly|strong = "H7188" w toward|strong = "H4057" w*
 w their|strong = "H3588" w* w children|strong = "H1121" w*;

t hey|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H5971" like|strong = "H4057" [SIM]
 ostriches|strong = "H3283" in|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H3588"
 desert|strong = "H4057" w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 abandon|strong = "H5800" w* w their|strong = "H3588" w* w
 eggs|strong = "H1000" w*.

4w My|strong = "H6566" w* w people's|strong = "H5971" w* infants'
 tongues|strong = "H3956" cling|strong = "H1692" to|strong = "H3899"
 the|strong = "H7592" roofs|strong = "H1406" /tops|strong = "H7218"
 of|strong = "H3899" their|strong = "H1992" mouths|strong = "H6310"

b ecause|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992" are|strong = "H1992" w
 extremely|strong = "H3966" w* thirsty|strong = "H6772";

t he|strong = "H7592" children|strong = "H5768" plead|strong = "H7378"
 for|strong = "H7592" some|strong = "H1992" food|strong = "H3899",

b ut|strong = "H1992" no|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3956"
 gives|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H1992" w any|strong = "H3605" w*.

5People|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H0834" w
 previously|strong = "H8543" w* ate|strong = "H0398" fine|strong = "H5560"
 food|strong = "H3899"

a re|strong = "H8074" w now|strong = "H5921" w* starving
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" streets|strong = "H2351";

t hose|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H0834" previously|strong = "H8543"
lived|strong = "H3427" luxuriously|strong = "H5730" [MTY]

w now|strong = "H5921" w* paw|strong = "H3027"/dig|strong = "H2864"
through|strong = "H5921" rubbish|strong = "H6083" heaps|strong = "H6194"
w to|strong = "H5921" w* w find|strong = "H4672" w* w
some|strong = "H4480" w* w food|strong = "H3899" w*.

6w The|strong = "H3027" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
of|strong = "H1323" w* Sodom|strong = "H5467" were|strong = "H5971"
struck|strong = "H5221" with|strong = "H5971" a|strong = "H3644"
disaster|strong = "H7451" very|strong = "H3966" suddenly|strong = "H7281",

a nd|strong = "H3027" there|strong = "H8033" was|strong = "H3027"
no|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3027"
rescue|strong = "H5337" them|strong = "H3027";

b ut|strong = "H3808" my|strong = "H3027" people|strong = "H5971"
have|strong = "H5971" been|strong = "H3644" punished|strong = "H6485"

m ore|strong = "H3808" severely|strong = "H5953" than|strong = "H3808"
w the|strong = "H3027" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
of|strong = "H1323" w* Sodom|strong = "H5467" were|strong = "H5971"
punished|strong = "H6485".

7Our|strong = "H3068" leaders' w behavior|strong = "H3027" w*
was|strong = "H3068" w previously|strong = "H8543" w*
very|strong = "H6106" pure|strong = "H2141",

w hiter|strong = "H6705" w and|strong = "H2461" w* w
brighter|strong = "H1980" w* than|strong = "H6106" snow|strong = "H7950"
and|strong = "H2461" milk|strong = "H2461";

t heir|strong = "H3605" bodies|strong = "H6297" were|strong = "H5139"
redder than|strong = "H6106" w red|strong = "H5488" w*
coral|strong = "H7215"/stones|strong = "H0068";

t hey|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H5139" very|strong = "H6106"
strong|strong = "H2388" and|strong = "H2461" healthy|strong = "H1277"
[MET|strong = "H6298"].

8But now their faces are blacker than soot,

and no one recognizes them in the streets.

Their skin has shriveled on their bones,

and it has become as dry as [SIM] a wooden stick.*

9It is better to die in a battle [MTY]

than to die of hunger.

There was no food to harvest in the fields,

so the people slowly starved until they died.

10Women who usually were very kind

have w killed w* cooked their own children;

t hey|strong = "H5971" ate|strong = "H0398" them|strong = "H3027" w
when|strong = "H1961" w* w there|strong = "H1961" w* w
was|strong = "H1961" w* w no|strong = "H1961" w* w
other|strong = "H0312" w* w food|strong = "H1262" w*,

w hen|strong = "H1961" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" was|strong = "H1961"
surrounded|strong = "H5437" w by|strong = "H3027" w* w
enemy|strong = "H0340" w* w soldiers|strong = "H5971" w*.

11Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
shown|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068"
was|strong = "H3068" extremely|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H2534";

w it|strong = "H3615" w* w is|strong = "H3068" w* w
as|strong = "H3068" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H3068"
started|strong = "H2490"/ignited a|strong = "H3341" fire|strong = "H3341"
in|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"

t hat|strong = "H3068" burned|strong = "H3341"
everything|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3068" ashes|strong = "H0665".

12None|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
kings|strong = "H4428" on|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605"
earth|strong = "H0776" or|strong = "H3808" anyone|strong = "H3605"
else|strong = "H3808"

b elieved|strong = "H0539" that|strong = "H3588" any|strong = "H3605"
of|strong = "H4428" our|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H6862"
could|strong = "H3201" enter|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605"
gates|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H4428" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

13w But|strong = "H6662" w* w that|strong = "H3548" w* w
is|strong = "H6662" w* w what|strong = "H4100" w* w
happened|strong = "H1961" w*;

i t|strong = "H7130" happened|strong = "H1961" because|strong = "H5771"
the|strong = "H3548" prophets|strong = "H5030" sinned|strong = "H2403";

a nd|strong = "H3548" the|strong = "H3548" priests|strong = "H3548" w
also|strong = "H5030" w* sinned|strong = "H2403"

- b** y|strong = "H5771" causing|strong = "H7462" innocent|strong = "H6662"
people|strong = "H1818" to|strong = "H5771" be|strong = "H5030"
executed|strong = "H6213" [MTY].

14The|strong = "H5060" prophets|strong = "H5030" and|strong = "H1818"
priests|strong = "H3808" wandered|strong = "H5128"
through|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H5060" streets|strong = "H2351"

w as|strong = "H2351" w* w though|strong = "H3588" w* w
they|strong = "H3808" w* w were|strong = "H3201" w* w
blind|strong = "H5787".

N o|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808" would|strong = "H0014"
touch|strong = "H5060" them|strong = "H5060"

- b** ecause|strong = "H3588" their|strong = "H5060" clothes|strong = "H3830"
were|strong = "H3201" stained|strong = "H1351" with|strong = "H1351"
the|strong = "H5060" blood|strong = "H1818" w of|strong = "H1818" w* w
people|strong = "H3808" w* w who|strong = "H3808" w* w
had|strong = "H3201" w* w been|strong = "H3808" w* w
killed|strong = "H2026" w*.

15The|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H1471" w
who|strong = "H3588" w* w were|strong = "H1471" w* w
alive|strong = "H2416" w* w shouted|strong = "H7121", "Stay|strong = "H1481"
away|strong = "H5493" w from|strong = "H5493" w* w
us|strong = "H3588" w* [DOU]! You|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H1471"
defiled|strong = "H2931"/untouchable!

D o|strong = "H3254" not|strong = "H3808" touch|strong = "H5060"
us|strong = "H3588"!"

S o|strong = "H7121" the|strong = "H3588" prophets|strong = "H5030"
and|strong = "H1471" priests|strong = "H3808" fled|strong = "H5127" w
from|strong = "H5493" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w*,

- a** nd|strong = "H1471" they|strong = "H3588" wandered|strong = "H5128"
around|strong = "H5128" from|strong = "H5493" one|strong = "H3808"
country|strong = "H2022" to|strong = "H7121" another|strong = "H3254",

b ecause|strong="H3588" people|strong="H1471" w
in|strong="H5493" w* w each|strong="H1471" w* w
country|strong="H2022" w* kept|strong="H8104" saying|strong="H0559"
to|strong="H7121" them|strong="H7121", "You|strong="H3588"
cannot|strong="H3808" stay|strong="H1481" here|strong="H6311"!"

16It|strong="H5375" is|strong="H3068" Yahweh|strong="H3068"
himself|strong="H6440" who|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068"
scattered|strong="H2505" them|strong="H6440";

h e|strong="H3068" no|strong="H3808" longer|strong="H3254"
is|strong="H3068" concerned|strong="H6485" about|strong="H5027"
them|strong="H6440".

P eople|strong="H3808" do|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808"
respect|strong="H5027" w our|strong="H3068" w* priests|strong="H3548"
or|strong="H3808" leaders|strong="H2205".

17We|strong="H0587" [SYN] continued|strong="H5674"
to|strong="H5869" look|strong="H5869" for|strong="H5869"
someone|strong="H0376" to|strong="H5869" help|strong="H5833" w
us|strong="H5869" w*,

b ut|strong="H3808" it|strong="H3615" was|strong="H3808"
useless|strong="H1892".

W e|strong="H0587" continued|strong="H5674" to|strong="H5869"
watch|strong="H6822" to|strong="H5869" see|strong="H5869"
if|strong="H0518" one|strong="H3808" of|strong="H5869"
our|strong="H3615" allies|strong="H2266" would|strong="H0014"
save|strong="H3467" us|strong="H5869",

b ut|strong="H3808" none|strong="H3808" of|strong="H5869"
the|strong="H3615" nations|strong="H1471" that|strong="H1471"
we|strong="H0587" were|strong="H5869" waiting|strong="H8104"
for|strong="H5869" could|strong="H3201" help|strong="H5833" w
us|strong="H5869" w*.

18w Our|strong="H3588" w* enemies|strong="H0341"
were|strong="H3117" hunting|strong="H6718" for|strong="H3588"
us|strong="H3588",

s o|strong = "H7126" we|strong = "H3588" could|strong = "H3201"
 not|strong = "H3588" w even|strong = "H3588" w* walk|strong = "H3212"
 in|strong = "H3117" our|strong = "H3588" streets|strong = "H7339" w
 lest|strong = "H6435" w* w they|strong = "H3588" w* w
 seize|strong = "H0962" w* w us|strong = "H3588" w*.

W e|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H3117" about|strong = "H3117"
 to|strong = "H3212" be|strong = "H3117" captured|strong = "H3920";

i t|strong = "H7126" was|strong = "H3117" time|strong = "H3117"
 for|strong = "H3588" us|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H3212"
 be|strong = "H3117" killed|strong = "H2026".

19Those|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H4057"
 pursued|strong = "H7291" us|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H1961"
 faster|strong = "H3823" than|strong = "H5921" eagles|strong = "H5404" w
 flying|strong = "H5774" w* in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 sky|strong = "H8064".

E ven|strong = "H5921" if|strong = "H1961" we|strong = "H0587"
 fled|strong = "H5127" to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921"
 mountains|strong = "H2022"

o r|strong = "H2022" hid|strong = "H5641" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" desert|strong = "H4057",

t hey|strong = "H5921" w went|strong = "H7291" w* w
 there|strong = "H1961" w* w ahead|strong = "H6440" w* w
 of|strong = "H2022" w* w us|strong = "H5921" w* w and|strong = "H8064" w*
 waited|strong = "H1961" w to|strong = "H1961" w* w
 attack|strong = "H5221" w* us|strong = "H5921".

20w Our|strong = "H3068" w* w king|strong = "H4428" w*,
 whom|strong = "H0834" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 appointed|strong = "H4150",

w as|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" one|strong = "H2421"
 who|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414" us|strong = "H2421"
 to|strong = "H3068" remain|strong = "H3427" alive|strong = "H2421" [MTY];

h e|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 one|strong = "H2421" whom|strong = "H0834" we|strong = "H0587"
 trusted|strong = "H0982" to|strong = "H3068" protect|strong = "H8104"
 us|strong = "H2421" [IDM]

f rom|strong = "H1471" w the|strong = "H3068" w* w
 armies|strong = "H6635" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* other|strong = "H0312"
 nations|strong = "H1471".

B ut|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" w
 captured|strong = "H3920" w*

w like|strong = "H7307" w* w animals|strong = "H2421" w* w
 are|strong = "H1471" w* [MET|strong = "H6298"] caught|strong = "H3920"
 in|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H3068" pit|strong = "H0953".

21 You|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H1323"
 [IDM] Edom|strong = "H0112" and|strong = "H3427" Uz|strong = "H5780",

w you|strong = "H5921" w* w may|strong = "H1571" w*
 be|strong = "H1571" happy|strong = "H8056" w about|strong = "H5921" w* w
 what|strong = "H1571" w* w is|strong = "H1571" w* happening w
 to|strong = "H5921" w* w us|strong = "H5921" w* w
 now|strong = "H1571" w*,

b ut|strong = "H1571" w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w*
 will|strong = "H1571" be|strong = "H1571" punishing|strong = "H7725"
 [MTY] you|strong = "H5921" w also|strong = "H1571" w*.

Y ou|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H1571" become|strong = "H7937"
 drunk|strong = "H7937" and|strong = "H3427" will|strong = "H1571"
 be|strong = "H1571" ashamed|strong = "H0954"

w because|strong = "H5921" w* w your|strong = "H5921" w* w
 enemies|strong = "H0341" w* will|strong = "H1571" have|strong = "H1571"
 stripped|strong = "H6584" off|strong = "H5921" your|strong = "H5921"
 clothes|strong = "H0899".

22 You|strong = "H5921" w people|strong = "H3808" w* w
 of|strong = "H1323" w* [APO] Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",

the time of
your being punished
will end;

Yahweh will not
allow you to
continue to live
in exile/foreign
countries.

But w you w* w
people w* w of [APO]
Edom, Yahweh will
punish w you w*;

he will reveal
the wicked things
that you have
done.
A prayer for God's mercy

Yahweh, think
about what has
happened to us.

See that we
have been disgraced.

2Foreigners have
seized our property,

w and w* w now w*
they live in
our homes.

3w Our w* w enemies w*
have killed our
fathers;

they caused our
mothers to become
widows.

4w Now|strong="H6258" w* we|strong="H0587" are|strong="H4325"
 required|strong="H7592" to|strong="H4325" pay|strong="H3701"
 for|strong="H4325" water|strong="H4325" to|strong="H4325"
 drink|strong="H8354",

a nd|strong="H3701" we|strong="H0587" must|strong="H4191"
 pay|strong="H3701" w a|strong="H3701" w* w lot|strong="H1486" w* w
 of|strong="H4325" w* w money|strong="H3701" w* for|strong="H4325"
 firewood|strong="H6086".

5w It|strong="H5921" w* w is|strong="H3808" w* w
 as|strong="H7291" w* w though|strong="H3588" w*
 those|strong="H5921" who|strong="H3808" pursue|strong="H7291"
 us|strong="H5921" are|strong="H3808" at|strong="H5921"
 our|strong="H5921" heels|strong="H6119";

w e|strong="H0587" are|strong="H3808" exhausted|strong="H3021",
 but|strong="H3808" they|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213"
 not|strong="H3808" allow|strong="H5117" us|strong="H5921"
 to|strong="H5921" rest|strong="H5117".

6In|strong="H3899" order|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5414"
 get|strong="H3027" enough|strong="H7646" food|strong="H3899" w
 to|strong="H5414" w* w remain|strong="H3427" w* w
 alive|strong="H2416" w*,

w e|strong="H0587" went|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5414"
 Egypt|strong="H4713" and|strong="H3027" Assyria|strong="H0804"
 and|strong="H3027" offered|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414"
 work|strong="H3027" w for|strong="H3027" w* w the|strong="H5414" w*
 w people|strong="H5971" w* w there|strong="H8033" w*.

7Our|strong="H5445" ancestors|strong="H0001"
 sinned|strong="H2398", and|strong="H2398" now|strong="H6258"
 they|strong="H1992" are|strong="H5771" dead|strong="H4191",

b ut|strong="H3588" we|strong="H0587" are|strong="H5771"
 being|strong="H1961" punished|strong="H6485" for|strong="H5771"
 the|strong="H2398" sins|strong="H2398" that|strong="H0834"
 they|strong="H1992" committed|strong="H2398".

8w Officials w from w
 Babylon w who were
 w previously w slaves w
 now w rule over
 us,

a nd there is
 no one who
 can rescue us
 from their power.

9When we roam
 around in the
 desert searching for
 food, we are
 in danger of
 being killed,

b ecause people there
 kill strangers with
 their swords.

10Our skin has
 become hot like [SIM]
 an oven,

a nd we have
 a very high
 fever because we
 are extremely hungry.

11w Our w enemies w
 have raped the
 women in Jerusalem,

w and w they w
 have w done w
 that w to w the
 young women in w
 all w the w towns
 of w Judea.

12w Our|strong="H8518"w* w enemies|strong="H3027"w*
have|strong="H3027" hanged|strong="H8518" our|strong="H8518"
leaders|strong="H8269",

a nd|strong="H3027" they|strong="H3808" do|strong="H3027"
not|strong="H3808" respect|strong="H6440" our|strong="H8518"
elders|strong="H2205".

13They|strong="H5375" force|strong="H2394" our|strong="H5375"
young|strong="H5288" men|strong="H5288" to|strong="H5375"
grind|strong="H2911" w flour|strong="H5560"w* with|strong="H6086"
millstones|strong="H7347",

a nd|strong="H6086" boys|strong="H5288" stagger|strong="H3782"
while|strong="H5704" they|strong="H5375" w are|strong="H5288"w* w
forced|strong="H4522"w* w to|strong="H5375"w* carry|strong="H5375"
w heavy|strong="H3513"w* loads|strong="H4853" of|strong="H6086"
firewood|strong="H6086".

14w Our|strong="H7673"w* elders|strong="H2205" no|strong="H7673"
longer|strong="H5750" sit|strong="H3427" at|strong="H8179"
the|strong="H8179" city|strong="H8179" gates|strong="H8179" w
to|strong="H8179"w* w make|strong="H7673"w* w
important|strong="H5704"w* w decisions|strong="H4941"w*;

t he|strong="H8179" young|strong="H5288" men|strong="H2205"
no|strong="H7673" longer|strong="H5750" play|strong="H2181"
their|strong="H3605" musical|strong="H7892" w
instruments|strong="H5058"w*.

15We|strong="H0587" [SYN] are|strong="H3820" no|strong="H7673"
longer|strong="H5750" joyful|strong="H4885";

i nstead|strong="H8478" of|strong="H3820" dancing|strong="H4234" w
joyfully|strong="H7321"w*, we|strong="H0587" now|strong="H6258"
mourn|strong="H5594".

16The|strong="H3588" wreaths|strong="H3914" w
of|strong="H7218"w* w flowers|strong="H6525"w* have|strong="H3588"
fallen|strong="H5307" off|strong="H7218" our|strong="H3588"
heads|strong="H7218".

Terrible things have happened to us because of the sins that we committed.

17 We [SYN] are tired and discouraged [IDM],

and we cannot see well because our eyes are w full w of w tears.

18 Jerusalem is w completely w* deserted,

and jackals/wolves prowl around it.

19 But Yahweh, you rule forever!

You continue to rule [MTY] from one generation to the next generation.

20w So w* why have you forgotten us?

Why have you abandoned us for a very long time?

21w Please w* enable us to return to you,

a nd|strong = "H3068" enable|strong = "H7980" us|strong = "H7725"
to|strong = "H7725" prosper|strong = "H6743" [MTY] as|strong = "H3117"
we|strong = "H3117" did|strong = "H3068" previously|strong = "H8543".

22Please|strong = "H4994" do|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3588",
because|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" hope|strong = "H3176"
that|strong = "H3588" [RHQ] you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3588"
not|strong = "H3588" rejected|strong = "H3988" us|strong = "H5921"
forever|strong = "H5704"

a nd|strong = "H3966" that|strong = "H3588" [RHQ] you|strong = "H3588"
do|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3588" continue|strong = "H1961"
to|strong = "H5704" be|strong = "H3588" extremely|strong = "H3966"
angry|strong = "H7107" with|strong = "H5921" us|strong = "H5921"!