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<p><b>Chapter 1</b></p> <p>(1) How doth the city sit solitary, <i>that was</i> full of people! <i>how</i> is she become as a widow! she <i>that was</i> great among the nations, <i>and</i> princess among the provinces, <i>how</i> is she become tributary!</p> <p>(2) She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears <i>are</i> on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort <i>her</i>: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.</p> <p>(3) Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.</p> <p>(4) 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 <i>is</i> in bitterness.</p> <p>(5) 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.</p> <p>(6) And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts <i>that</i> find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.</p> <p>(7) Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, <i>and</i> did mock at her sabbaths.</p>	<p><b>Chapter 1</b></p> <p>(1) How the city sits alone, <i>that was</i> full of people! <i>how</i> she has become as a widow! she <i>that was</i> great among the nations, <i>and</i> a princess among the provinces, <i>how</i> she has become the possession of others!<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(2) She cries out in the night, and her tears <i>are</i> on her cheeks: among all her lovers she has no one to comfort <i>her</i>: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.</p> <p>(3) Judah has gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she lives among the heathen {ungodly nations}, she finds no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the narrow ways.</p> <p>(4) The roads of Zion mourn, because no one comes to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she <i>is</i> in bitterness.</p> <p>(5) Her adversaries are the rulers, her enemies prosper; because the LORD {Jehovah} has afflicted her because of the multitude of her sins: her children have gone into captivity before the enemy.</p> <p>(6) And all her beauty has departed from the daughter of Zion: her princes have become like bucks <i>that</i> find no pasture, and they have gone without strength before the pursuer.</p> <p>(7) Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and no one helped her: the adversaries saw her, <i>and</i> mocked at her sabbaths {Saturdays}.</p>
<p>1:1a – In the eleventh year of King Zedekiah [3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.] Nebuchadnezzar’s troops destroyed Jerusalem, its walls, the temple, and the houses and carried the last group of Jerusalem’s people into exile into Babylon. The first group [Daniel’s group] was exiled 19 years earlier [3520 A.H./C-522 B.C.] and the second group [Ezekiel’s group] was exiled 8 years after that. See <a href="#">Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</a></p>	

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<p>(8) Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.</p> <p>(9) Her filthiness <i>is</i> 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 <i>himself</i>.</p> <p>(10) The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen <i>that</i> the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command <i>that</i> they should not enter into thy congregation.</p> <p>(11) All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.</p> <p>(12) <i>Is it</i> 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 <i>me</i> in the day of his fierce anger.</p> <p>(13) 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 <i>and</i> faint all the day.</p> <p>(14) The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, <i>and</i> come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into <i>their</i> hands, <i>from whom</i> I am not able to rise up.</p> <p>(15) The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty <i>men</i> 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, <i>as</i> in a winepress.</p>	<p>(8) Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all who honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yes, she sighs, and turns backward.</p> <p>(9) Her filthiness <i>is</i> in her skirts; she does not remember her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD {Jehovah}, look upon my affliction: because the enemy has magnified <i>himself</i>.</p> <p>(10) The adversary has spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: because she has seen <i>that</i> the heathen {ungodly nations} entered into her sanctuary, whom You commanded <i>that</i> they should not enter into Your congregation.</p> <p>(11) All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for food to relieve the soul: see, O LORD {Jehovah}, and consider; because I have become vile.</p> <p>(12) <i>Is it</i> nothing to you, all you who pass by? look, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has come to me, with which the LORD {Jehovah} has afflicted <i>me</i> in the day of His fierce anger.</p> <p>(13) From above He has sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them: He has spread a net for my feet, He has turned me back: He has made me desolate <i>and</i> faint all the day.</p> <p>(14) The burden of my sins is bound by His hand: they are wreathed, <i>and</i> come up upon my neck: He has caused my strength to fall, the Lord has delivered me into <i>their</i> hands, <i>from whom</i> I am not able to rise up.</p> <p>(15) The Lord has trodden under foot all my mighty <i>men</i> in the midst of me: He has called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord has trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, <i>as</i> in a winepress.</p>

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<p>(16) For these <i>things</i> 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.</p> <p>(17) Zion spreadeth forth her hands, <i>and there is none</i> to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, <i>that</i> his adversaries <i>should be</i> round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(19) I called for my lovers, <i>but</i> they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.</p> <p>(20) Behold, O LORD; for I <i>am</i> in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home <i>there is</i> as death.</p> <p>(21) They have heard that I sigh: <i>there is</i> none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done <i>it</i>: thou wilt bring the day <i>that</i> thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.</p> <p>(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 <i>are</i> many, and my heart <i>is</i> faint.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b></p> <p>(1) How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, <i>and</i> cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!</p>	<p>(16) Because of these <i>things</i> I weep; surely my eye runs down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.</p> <p>(17) Zion spreads forth her hands, <i>and there is no one</i> to comfort her: the LORD {Jehovah} has commanded concerning Jacob, <i>that</i> his adversaries <i>should be</i> all around him: Jerusalem is as a woman in her period among them.</p> <p>(18) The LORD {Jehovah} is righteous; because I have rebelled against His commandment: I plead with all people to listen, and to look upon my sorrow: my virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.</p> <p>(19) I called for my lovers, <i>but</i> they deceived me: my priests and my elders gave up the spirit in the city, while they sought their food to relieve their souls.</p> <p>(20) Look, O LORD {Jehovah}; because I <i>am</i> in distress: my stomach is in turmoil; my heart has turned within me; because I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword brings grief, at home <i>there is</i> as death.</p> <p>(21) They have heard that I sigh: <i>there is</i> no one to comfort me: all my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that You have done <i>it</i>: You will bring the day <i>that</i> You have called, and they will be like me.</p> <p>(22) Let all their wickedness come before You; and do to them, as You have done to me because of all my sins: because my sighs <i>have</i> become many, and my heart <i>is</i> faint.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b></p> <p>(1) How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in His anger, <i>and</i> cast down from heaven to the earth the beauty of Israel, and has not remembered His footstool in the day of His anger!</p>

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<p>(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 <i>them</i> down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.</p> <p>(3) He hath cut off in <i>his</i> 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, <i>which</i> devoureth round about.</p> <p>(4) He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all <i>that were</i> pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(6) And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as <i>if it were of</i> 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.</p> <p>(7) 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.</p> <p>(8) The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.</p>	<p>(2) The Lord has swallowed up all the houses of Jacob, and has not pitied: He has in His wrath {anger; judgment} thrown down the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought <i>them</i> down to the ground: He has polluted the kingdom and its princes.</p> <p>(3) In <i>His</i> fierce anger He has cut off all the kingdom of Israel: He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy, and He burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, <i>which</i> devours all around.</p> <p>(4) He has bent His bow like an enemy: He stood with His right hand as an adversary, and killed all who <i>were</i> pleasing to the eyes in the tabernacle {temple} of the daughter of Zion: He poured out His fury like fire.</p> <p>(5) The Lord was as an enemy: He has swallowed up Israel, He has swallowed up all her palaces: He has destroyed his strongholds, and has increased mourning and lamentation {loud crying} in the daughter of Judah.</p> <p>(6) And He has violently taken away His tabernacle {temple}, as <i>if it were of</i> a garden: He has destroyed His places of the assembly: the LORD {Jehovah} has caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and has in the indignation of His anger despised the king and the priest.</p> <p>(7) The Lord has cast off His altar, He has despised His sanctuary {temple}, He has given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, as in the day of a solemn feast.</p> <p>(8) The LORD {Jehovah} has determined to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: He has stretched out a line, He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying: therefore He caused the stronghold and the wall to cry aloud; they became weak together.</p>

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<p>(9) Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes <i>are</i> among the Gentiles: the law <i>is no more</i>; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.</p> <p>(10) The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, <i>and</i> 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.</p> <p>(11) 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.</p> <p>(12) They say to their mothers, Where <i>is</i> 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.</p> <p>(13) What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach <i>is</i> great like the sea: who can heal thee?</p> <p>(14) 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.</p> <p>(15) All that pass by clap <i>their</i> hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, <i>saying, Is</i> this the city that <i>men</i> call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?</p>	<p>(9) Her gates are sunk into the ground; He has destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes <i>are</i> {scattered} among the Gentiles {non-Jews; nations}: the law <i>is no more</i>; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(10) The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, <i>and</i> keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have clothed themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.</p> <p>(11) My eyes fail with tears, my stomach is in turmoil, my liver is poured upon the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the nursing babies faint in the streets of the city.</p> <p>(12) They say to their mothers, Where <i>is</i> corn and wine? when they fainted as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.</p> <p>(13) What thing shall I take to witness for you? what thing shall I compare to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? because your breach <i>is</i> great like the sea: who can heal you?</p> <p>(14) Your prophets have seen vain and foolish things for you: and they have not uncovered your sin, to turn away your captivity; but have seen for you false visions and causes of banishment.</p> <p>(15) All who pass by clap <i>their</i> hands at you; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, <i>saying, Is</i> this the city that <i>men</i> call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?</p>

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<p>(16) All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed <i>her</i> up: certainly this <i>is</i> the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(17) The LORD hath done <i>that</i> 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 <i>thine</i> enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(20) Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, <i>and</i> children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?</p> <p>(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 <i>them</i> in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, <i>and</i> not pitied.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>(16) All your enemies have opened their mouth against you: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed <i>her</i> up: certainly this <i>is</i> the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(17) The LORD {Jehovah} has done <i>that</i> which He had determined; He has fulfilled His word that He had commanded in the days of old: He has thrown down, and has not pitied: and He has caused <i>your</i> enemy to rejoice over you, He has set up the kingdom of your adversaries.</p> <p>(18) Their heart cried to the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give yourself no rest; do not let the apple of your eye to cease.</p> <p>(19) Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up your hands towards Him for the life of your young children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street.</p> <p>(20) Look down, O LORD {Jehovah}, and consider to whom you have done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, <i>and</i> children whom they held? shall the priest and the prophet be killed in the sanctuary {temple} of the Lord?</p> <p>(21) The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword; You have killed <i>them</i> in the day of Your anger; You have killed, <i>and</i> not pitied.</p> <p>(22) You have called as in a solemn day my terrors all around, so that in the day of the LORD's {Jehovah's} anger none escaped nor remained: those who I have cared for and brought up my enemy has consumed.</p>

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<p><b>Chapter 3</b> (1) I <i>am</i> the man <i>that</i> hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. (2) He hath led me, and brought <i>me into</i> darkness, but not <i>into</i> light. (3) Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand <i>against me</i> all the day. (4) My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. (5) He hath builded against me, and compassed <i>me</i> with gall and travail. (6) He hath set me in dark places, as <i>they that be</i> dead of old. (7) He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy. (8) Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. (9) He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked. (10) He <i>was</i> unto me <i>as</i> a bear lying in wait, <i>and as</i> a lion in secret places. (11) He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. (12) He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. (13) He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. (14) I was a derision to all my people; <i>and</i> their song all the day. (15) He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. (16) He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. (17) And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity. (18) And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: (19) Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.</p>	<p><b>Chapter 3</b> (1) I <i>am</i> the man <i>who</i> has seen affliction by the rod of His anger. (2) He has led me, and brought <i>me into</i> darkness, but not <i>into</i> light. (3) Surely He has turned against me; He turned His hand <i>against me</i> all the day. (4) My flesh and my skin He has made old; He has broken my bones. (5) He has built against me, and encircled <i>me</i> with bitterness and hard labor. (6) He has set me in dark places, as <i>those who are</i> dead of old. (7) He has hedged me about, that I cannot get out: He has made my chain heavy. (8) Also when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer. (9) He has enclosed my ways with cut stone, He has made my paths crooked. (10) He <i>was</i> to me <i>as</i> a bear lying in wait, <i>and as</i> a lion in secret places. (11) He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: He has made me desolate. (12) He has bent His bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. (13) He has caused the arrows of His quiver {arrow container} to enter into my heart. (14) I was a derision to all my people; <i>and</i> their song all the day. (15) He has filled me with bitterness, He has made me drunken with bitter wood. (16) He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones, He has covered me with ashes. (17) And You have removed my soul far off from peace: I have forgotten prosperity. (18) And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD {Jehovah}: (19) Remembering my affliction and my misery, the bitter wood and the gall.</p>

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<p>(20) My soul hath <i>them</i> still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.</p> <p>(21) This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.</p> <p>(22) <i>It is of</i> the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.</p> <p>(23) <i>They are</i> new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.</p> <p>(24) The LORD <i>is</i> my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.</p> <p>(25) The LORD <i>is</i> good unto them that wait for him, to the soul <i>that</i> seeketh him.</p> <p>(26) <i>It is</i> good that <i>a man</i> should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.</p> <p>(27) <i>It is</i> good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.</p> <p>(28) He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne <i>it</i> upon him.</p> <p>(29) He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.</p> <p>(30) He giveth <i>his</i> cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.</p> <p>(31) For the Lord will not cast off for ever:</p> <p>(32) But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.</p> <p>(33) For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.</p> <p>(34) To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,</p> <p>(35) To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,</p> <p>(36) To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.</p> <p>(37) Who <i>is</i> he <i>that</i> saith, and it cometh to pass, <i>when</i> the Lord commandeth <i>it</i> not?</p>	<p>(20) My soul still remembers <i>them</i>, and is humbled in me.</p> <p>(21) This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.</p> <p>(22) <i>It is because of</i> the LORD's {Jehovah's} mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions do not fail.</p> <p>(23) <i>They are</i> new every morning: great is Your faithfulness.</p> <p>(24) My soul says, The LORD {Jehovah} <i>is</i> my portion; therefore I will hope in Him.</p> <p>(25) The LORD {Jehovah} <i>is</i> good to those who wait for Him, to the soul <i>that</i> seeks Him.</p> <p>(26) <i>It is</i> good that <i>a man</i> should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(27) <i>It is</i> good for a man that he carry the burden in his youth.</p> <p>(28) He sits alone and keeps silence, because he has carried <i>it</i> himself.</p> <p>(29) He puts his mouth in the dust; if perhaps there may be hope.</p> <p>(30) He gives <i>his</i> cheek to him who strikes him: he is filled full with reproach.</p> <p>(31) Because the Lord will not cast off forever:</p> <p>(32) But though He cause grief, yet He will have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.</p> <p>(33) Because He does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.</p> <p>(34) To crush under His feet all the prisoners of the earth,</p> <p>(35) To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,</p> <p>(36) The Lord does not approve to subvert a man in his cause.</p> <p>(37) Who <i>is</i> he <i>who</i> says, and it comes to pass, <i>when</i> the Lord does not command <i>it</i>?</p>



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<p>(38) Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?</p> <p>(39) Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?</p> <p>(40) Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.</p> <p>(41) Let us lift up our heart with <i>our</i> hands unto God in the heavens.</p> <p>(42) We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.</p> <p>(43) Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.</p> <p>(44) Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that <i>our</i> prayer should not pass through.</p> <p>(45) Thou hast made us <i>as</i> the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.</p> <p>(46) All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.</p> <p>(47) Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.</p> <p>(48) Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.</p> <p>(49) Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,</p> <p>(50) Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.</p> <p>(51) Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.</p> <p>(52) Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.</p> <p>(53) They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.</p> <p>(54) Waters flowed over mine head; <i>then</i> I said, I am cut off.</p> <p>(55) I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.</p>	<p>(38) Does not evil and good proceed Out of the mouth of the most High?</p> <p>(39) Why does a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?</p> <p>(40) Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(41) Let us lift up our hearts with <i>our</i> hands to God in the heavens.</p> <p>(42) We have sinned and have rebelled: You have not pardoned.</p> <p>(43) You have covered with anger, and persecuted us: You have killed, You have not pitied.</p> <p>(44) You have covered Yourself with a cloud, that <i>our</i> prayer should not pass through.</p> <p>(45) You have made us <i>as</i> the swept dirt and garbage in the midst of the people.</p> <p>(46) All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.</p> <p>(47) Fear and a snare has come upon us, desolation and destruction.</p> <p>(48) My eye runs down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.</p> <p>(49) My eye trickles down, and does not cease, without any intermission,</p> <p>(50) Until the LORD {Jehovah} looks down, and sees from heaven.</p> <p>(51) My eye affects my heart because of all the daughters of my city.</p> <p>(52) My enemies chased hard after me, like a bird, without cause.</p> <p>(53) They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.</p> <p>(54) Waters flowed over my head; <i>then</i> I said, I am cut off.</p> <p>(55) I called upon Your Name, O LORD {Jehovah}, out of the low dungeon.</p>

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<p>(56) Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.</p> <p>(57) Thou drewest near in the day <i>that</i> I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.</p> <p>(58) O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.</p> <p>(59) O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.</p> <p>(60) Thou hast seen all their vengeance <i>and</i> all their imaginations against me.</p> <p>(61) Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, <i>and</i> all their imaginations against me;</p> <p>(62) The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.</p> <p>(63) Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I <i>am</i> their musick.</p> <p>(64) Render unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.</p> <p>(65) Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.</p> <p>(66) Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.</p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b></p> <p>(1) How is the gold become dim! <i>how</i> is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.</p> <p>(2) The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!</p> <p>(3) Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people <i>is become</i> cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.</p>	<p>(56) You have heard my voice: do not hide Your ear at my breathing, at my cry.</p> <p>(57) You drew near in the day <i>that</i> I called upon You: You said, <b>Do not be afraid.</b></p> <p>(58) O Lord, You have pleaded the causes of my soul; You have redeemed my life.</p> <p>(59) O LORD {Jehovah}, You have seen my wrong: judge my cause.</p> <p>(60) You have seen all their vengeance <i>and</i> all their imaginations against me.</p> <p>(61) You have heard their reproach, O LORD {Jehovah}, <i>and</i> all their imaginations against me;</p> <p>(62) The lips of those who rose up against me, and their device {plan} against me all the day.</p> <p>(63) See their sitting down, and their rising up; I <i>am</i> their music.</p> <p>(64) Give to them payment, O LORD {Jehovah}, according to the works of their hands.</p> <p>(65) Give them sorrow of heart, Your curse to them.</p> <p>(66) Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b></p> <p>(1) How has the gold become dull! <i>how</i> is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.</p> <p>(2) The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how they are esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!</p> <p>(3) Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they nurse their young ones: the daughter of my people <i>has become</i> cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.</p>

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<p>(4) The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, <i>and</i> no man breaketh <i>it</i> unto them.</p> <p>(5) They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.</p> <p>(6) For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.</p> <p>(7) Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing <i>was</i> of sapphire:</p> <p>(8) Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.</p> <p>(9) <i>They that be</i> slain with the sword are better than <i>they that be</i> slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for <i>want of</i> the fruits of the field.</p> <p>(10) The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.</p> <p>(11) The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.</p> <p>(12) The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(13) For the sins of her prophets, <i>and</i> the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,</p>	<p>(4) The tongue of the nursing child clings to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children asks for bread, <i>and</i> no man gives <i>it</i> to them.</p> <p>(5) Those who fed delicately are desolate in the streets: those who were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.</p> <p>(6) For the punishment of the sins of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.</p> <p>(7) Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more handsome in body than rubies, their polishing <i>was</i> of sapphire:</p> <p>(8) Their appearance is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin clings to their bones; it is withered, it has become like a stick.</p> <p>(9) <i>Those who are</i> killed with the sword are better off than <i>those who are</i> killed with hunger: because these cry away, stricken through for <i>lack of</i> the fruits of the field.</p> <p>(10) The hands of the pitiful women have boiled their own children: they were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.</p> <p>(11) The LORD {Jehovah} has accomplished His fury; He has poured out His fierce anger, and has kindled a fire in Zion, and it has devoured its foundations.</p> <p>(12) The kings of the earth, and all those who live in the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(13) Because of the sins of her prophets, <i>and</i> the evil deeds of her priests, who have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,</p>

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<p>(14) They have wandered <i>as blind men</i> in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.</p> <p>(15) They cried unto them, Depart ye; <i>it is</i> unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn <i>there</i>.</p> <p>(16) The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.</p> <p>(17) As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation <i>that</i> could not save <i>us</i>.</p> <p>(18) They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.</p> <p>(19) Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.</p> <p>(20) The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.</p> <p>(21) Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.</p> <p>(22) The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.</p>	<p>(14) They have wandered <i>as blind men</i> in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their clothes.</p> <p>(15) They cried to them, Depart; <i>it is</i> unclean; depart, depart, do not touch: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen {ungodly nations}, They will no more live <i>there</i>.</p> <p>(16) The anger of the LORD {Jehovah} has divided them; He will regard them no more: they did not respect the persons of the priests, they did not favor the elders.</p> <p>(17) As for us, our eyes failed looking for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation <i>that</i> could not save <i>us</i>.</p> <p>(18) They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; because our end has come.</p> <p>(19) Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.</p> <p>(20) The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD {Jehovah}, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under His shadow we shall live among the heathen {ungodly nations}.</p> <p>(21) Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, who lives in the land of Uz; the cup also will pass through to you: you will be drunk, and will make yourself naked.</p> <p>(22) The punishment of your sin is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; He will no more carry you away into captivity: He will visit your sin, O daughter of Edom; He will uncover your sins.</p>

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(1) Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.  
(2) Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.  
(3) We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows.  
(4) We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.  
(5) Our necks *are* under persecution: we labour, *and* have no rest.  
(6) We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.  
(7) Our fathers have sinned, *and are* not; and we have borne their iniquities.  
(8) Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand.  
(9) We gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.  
(10) Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.  
(11) They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.  
(12) Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.  
(13) They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.  
(14) The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.  
(15) The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.  
(16) The crown is fallen *from* our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!  
(17) For this our heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes are dim.  
(18) Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

**Chapter 5**

(1) Remember, O LORD {Jehovah}, what has come upon us: consider, and see our reproach.  
(2) Our inheritance has gone to strangers, our houses to aliens.  
(3) We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows.  
(4) We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold to us.  
(5) Our necks *are* under persecution: we labor, *and* have no rest.  
(6) We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.  
(7) Our fathers have sinned, *and are* no more; and we have borne their sins.  
(8) Servants have ruled over us: *there is* no one who delivers *us* out of their hands.  
(9) We get our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.  
(10) Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.  
(11) They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.  
(12) Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honored.  
(13) They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.  
(14) The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.  
(15) The joy of our heart has ceased; our dance has turned into mourning.  
(16) The crown has fallen *from* our head: woe to us, because we have sinned!  
(17) Because of this our heart is faint; because of these *things* our eyes are dim.  
(18) Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

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<p>(19) Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.</p> <p>(20) Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, <i>and</i> forsake us so long time?</p> <p>(21) Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.</p> <p>(22) But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.</p>	<p>(19) You, O LORD {Jehovah}, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation.</p> <p>(20) Why do You forget us forever, <i>and</i> forsake us so long time?</p> <p>(21) Turn us to Yourself, O LORD {Jehovah}, and we will be turned; renew our days as of old.</p> <p>(22) But You have utterly {completely} rejected us; You are very angry against us.</p>