

Lamentations 2

The Lord In Anger Has Beclouded Her

Sermon Outline for March 4, 2012, the Second Sunday in Lent, by Pastor Dennis Tuuri

Intro – Lam. 1:6 And from the daughter of **Zion** All her splendor has departed

The Beautiful Poetry of the Book of Lamentations (Dr. Kai Soltau, Robert Jones)

- A. Acrostic - Knox Translation, Holman Bible
- B. Chiasm
- C. Concatenation (Chains)
- D. 3 Speakers, 22 Sections, with Centers Between Exact Word Counts

Chapter One

1. *the LORD has afflicted her because of the **multitude** of her transgressions. Her children have gone into captivity*
2. *my affliction*
3. *those whom You commanded not to enter*
4. *He has spread a net for my feet and turned me back;*
5. *the Lord trampled as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.*
6. *because the comforter, who should restore my life, is far from me.*
7. *the LORD has commanded concerning Jacob*
8. *for I have been very rebellious*

Chapter Two

9. *mourning and lamentation*
10. *Is this the city that is called 'The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth'?"*
11. *My virgins and my young men Have fallen by the sword;*

Chapter 1 to Chapter 2 - The Big Picture

1:1 How lonely sits the city

2:1 How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion With a cloud in His anger!

Lamentations 1:1–22 NKJV
(PR-Prophet; Z-Zion; C-Community)

***1PR** ¹How lonely sits the city that was full of **people**! How like a widow is she, who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces has become a slave!

²She weeps bitterly in the night, **Her** tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into captivity, under affliction and **hard** servitude; she dwells among the **nations**, she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.

⁴The roads to **Zion** mourn because no one comes to the set feasts. All **her** gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

⁵Her **adversaries** have become the master, her enemies prosper; for *the LORD has afflicted her because of the multitude of her transgressions*. *Her children have gone into captivity* before the enemy.

⁶And from the daughter of **Zion** all her splendor has departed. Her princes have become like deer that find no pasture, that flee without strength before the pursuer.

⁷In the days of her affliction and roaming, Jerusalem **remembers** all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the **enemy**, with no one to help her, the adversaries saw her and mocked at her downfall.

⁸Jerusalem has sinned gravely, therefore she has become vile. All who honored her despise her because they have seen her nakedness; yes, she sighs and turns away.

⁹Her uncleanness is in her skirts; she did not consider her destiny; therefore her collapse was awesome; she had no comforter. ***2Z** “O LORD, behold *my affliction*, for the enemy is exalted!”

***3PR** ¹⁰The adversary has spread his hand over all her pleasant things; for she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, *those whom You commanded not to enter* Your assembly.

¹¹All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their valuables for food to restore life. ***4Z** “See, O LORD, and consider, for I am scorned.”

¹²“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see If there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been brought on me, which the LORD has inflicted In the day of His fierce anger.

¹³“From above He has sent fire into my bones, and it overpowered them; *He has spread a net for my feet and turned me back*; He has made me desolate And faint all the day.

¹⁴“The yoke of my transgressions was bound; they were woven together by His hands, and thrust upon my neck. He made my strength fail; the Lord delivered me into the hands of those whom I am not able to withstand.

¹⁵“The Lord has trampled underfoot all my mighty men in my midst; He has called an assembly against me to crush my young men; ***5PR** *the Lord trampled as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah*.

***6Z** ¹⁶“For these things I weep; My eye, my eye overflows with water; *because the comforter, who should restore my life, is far from me*. My children are desolate because the enemy prevailed.”

***7PR** ¹⁷Zion spreads out her hands, but no one comforts her; *the LORD has commanded concerning Jacob* that those around him become his adversaries; Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.

***8Z** ¹⁸“The LORD is righteous, for I rebelled against His commandment. Hear now, all peoples, and behold my sorrow; my virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.

¹⁹“I called for my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and my elders breathed their last in the city, while they sought food to restore their life.

²⁰“See, O LORD, that I am in distress; my soul is troubled; my heart is overturned within me, for *I have been very rebellious*. Outside the sword bereaves, at home it is like death.

²¹“They have heard that I sigh, but no one comforts me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that You have done it. Bring on the day You have announced, that they may become like me.

²²“Let all their wickedness come before You, And do to them as You have done to me for all my transgressions; for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.”

Lamentations 2:1–22 NKJV (PR-Prophet; Z-Zion; C-Community)

9PR ¹How the **Lord** has covered the daughter of Zion With a cloud in His anger! He cast down from heaven to the earth The beauty of Israel, And did not remember His footstool In the day of His anger.

²The **Lord** has swallowed up and has not pitied All the dwelling places of **Jacob**. He has thrown down in His wrath The strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought them down to the ground; He has profaned the kingdom and its princes.

³He has cut off in fierce anger Every horn of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand From before the enemy. He has blazed against **Jacob** like a flaming fire Devouring all around.

⁴Standing like an **enemy**, He has bent His bow; With His right hand, like an adversary, He has slain all who were pleasing to His eye; On the tent of the daughter of Zion, He has poured out His fury like **fire**.

⁵The Lord was like an **enemy**. He has swallowed up Israel, He has swallowed up all her palaces; He has destroyed her strongholds, And has increased *mourning and lamentation* In the daughter of Judah.

⁶He has done violence to His tabernacle, As if it were a garden; He has destroyed His place of assembly; The LORD has caused The **appointed feasts** and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion. In His burning indignation He has spurned the king and the priest.

⁷The Lord has spurned His altar, He has abandoned His sanctuary; He has given up the **walls** of her palaces Into the hand of the enemy. They have made a noise in the house of the LORD As on the day of a **set feast**.

⁸The LORD has purposed 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 has caused the rampart and wall to lament; They languished together.

⁹Her gates have sunk into the **ground**; He has destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations; The Law is no more, And her prophets find no vision from the LORD.

¹⁰The elders of the daughter of Zion Sit on the **ground** and keep silence; They throw dust on their heads And gird themselves with sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem Bow their heads to the ground.

10PR (First Person) ¹¹My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled; My bile is poured on the ground Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, Because the children and the infants Faint in the streets of the city.

¹²They say to their mothers, “Where is grain and wine?” As they swoon like the wounded In the streets of the city, As their life is poured out In their mothers’ bosom.

¹³How shall I console **you**? To what shall I liken you, daughter O of Jerusalem? What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin is spread wide as the sea; Who can heal you?

¹⁴Your prophets have seen **for you** False and deceptive visions; They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives, But have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.

¹⁵All who pass by clap their hands at you; They **hiss** and shake their heads At the daughter of Jerusalem: “Is this the city that is called ‘The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?’”

¹⁶All your **enemies** have opened their mouth against you; They **hiss** and gnash their teeth. They say, “We have swallowed her up! Surely this is the day we have waited for; We have found it, we have seen it!”

¹⁷The LORD has done what He purposed; He has fulfilled His word Which He commanded in **days** of old. He has thrown down and has not pitied, And He has caused an **enemy** to rejoice over you; He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

¹⁸Their **heart** cried out to the Lord, “O wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears run down like a river **day** and night; Give yourself no relief; Give your eyes no rest.

¹⁹Arise, cry out in the night, At the beginning of the watches; Pour out your **heart** like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him For the life of your young **children**, Who faint from hunger at the head of every street.”

11Z ²⁰“See, O LORD, and consider! To whom have You done this? Should the women eat their offspring, The **children** they have cuddled? Should the priest and prophet be **slain** In the sanctuary of the Lord?

²¹Young and old lie On the ground in the streets; *My virgins and my young men* Have fallen by the sword; You have **slain** them in the day of Your anger, You have slaughtered and not pitied.

²²“You have invited as to a feast day The terrors that surround me. In the day of the LORD’s anger There was no refugee or survivor. Those whom I have borne and brought up My enemies have destroyed.”