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LAMENTATI



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ONS I

I AM THE
LORD YOUR
GOD. YOU
SHALL HAVE
NO OTHER
GODS
BEFORE ME.

II

YOU SHALL
NOT MAKE
FOR
YOURSELF
AN IDOL.
DO NOT
BOW DOWN
AND
WORSHIP
THEM.



LAMENTATI

From bondage to spiritual faith
From spiritual faith to great courage
From great courage to strength
From strength to liberty From liberty to
abundance From abundance to leisure From
leisure to selfishness From selfishness to
complacency From complacency to apathy
From apathy to dependency From
dependency to weakness
From weakness *'back to bondage'*



LAMENTATI

Do not be afraid of them, for **I am**
with you and will rescue you.

Then the LORD reached out His hand and
touched my mouth and said to me, “Now
I have put my words in your mouth.”

“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to
them whatever **I command** you.”

Jeremiah 3:8,9,17



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This is what the LORD says:
“**Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded,**”
says the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:16



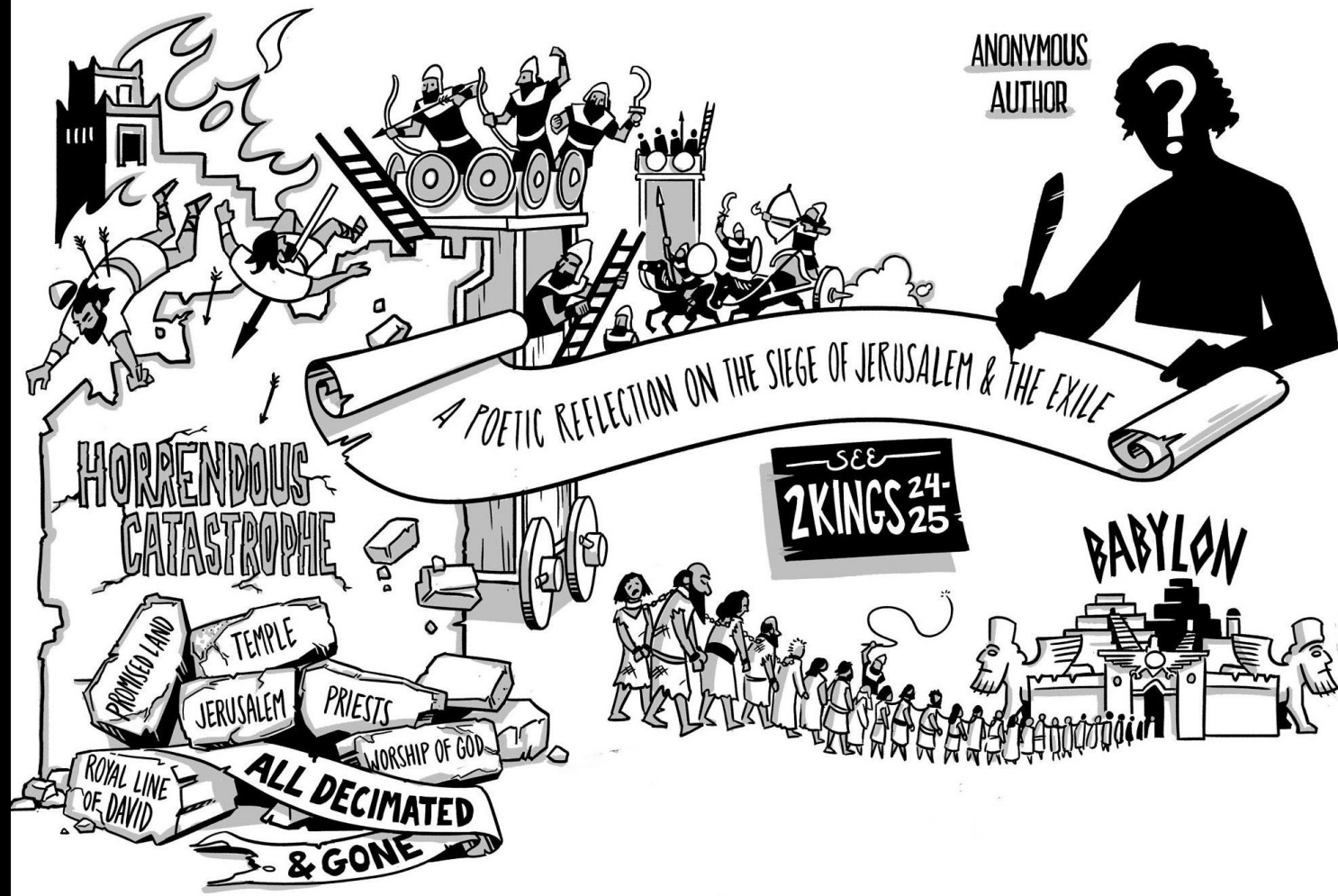
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Ch. 3:1-21



LAMENTATI

I am the man who has
seen affliction...



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A POETIC REFLECTION ON THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM & THE EXILE

SEE
2KINGS 24-25

BABYLON

HORRENDOUS
CATASTROPHE

PROMISED LAND
TEMPLE
JERUSALEM
PRIESTS
ROYAL LINE OF DAVID
WORSHIP OF GOD
ALL DECIMATED
& GONE

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LADY ZION'S GRIEF & SHAME

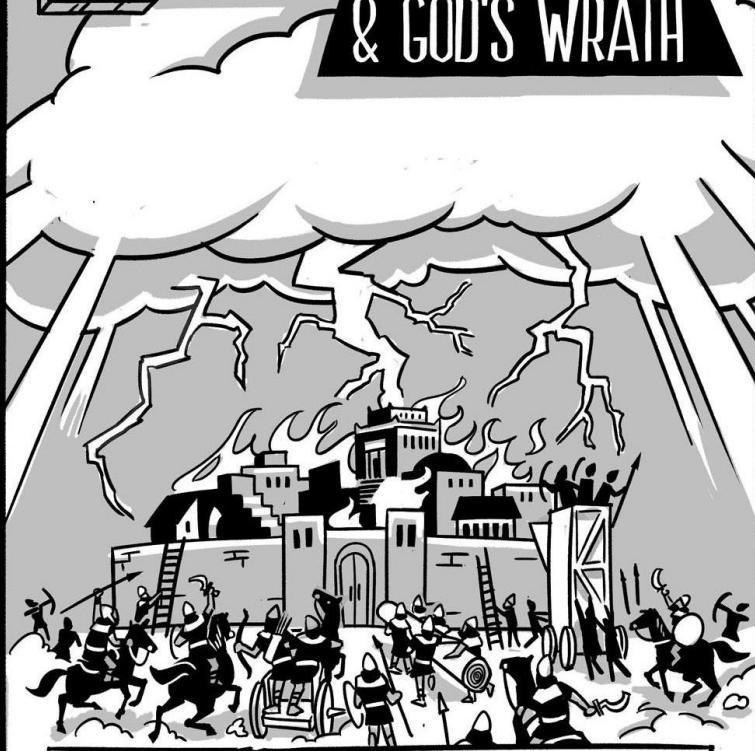


JERUSALEM PERSONIFIED AS
"THE DAUGHTER OF ZION"

THE CITY'S DESTRUCTION = THE
DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

2

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM & GOD'S WRATH



DIVINE WRATH \neq VOLATILE ANGER
= GOD'S JUSTICE

**GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER
BUT WILL JUDGE HUMAN EVIL.**

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3 THE SUFFERING ONE

3 VERSES PER LETTER
66
VERSES

LANGUAGE
DRAWN FROM:

JOB'S
LAMENT (ch.3)

LAMENT
PSALMS (22,69)

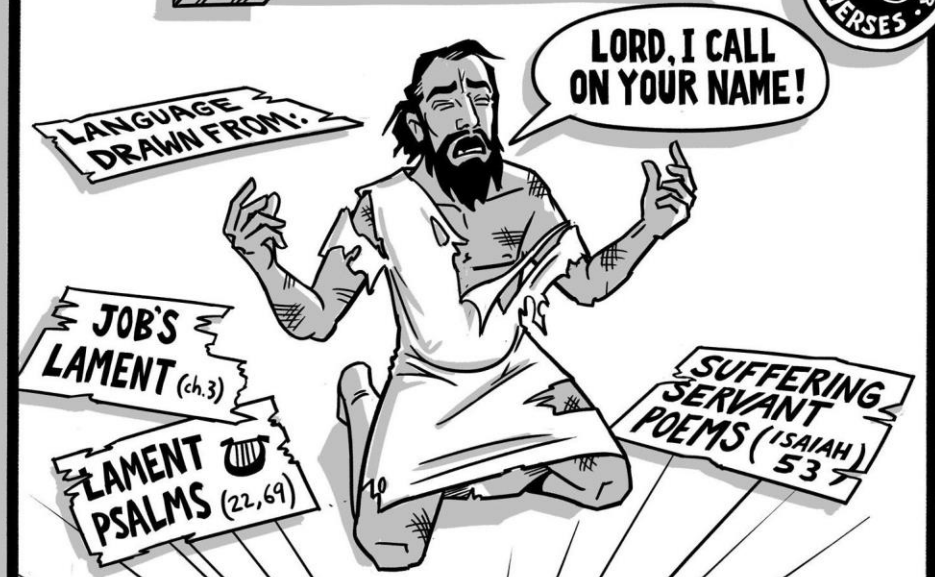
SUFFERING
SERVANT
POEMS (ISAIAH)
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LORD, I CALL
ON YOUR NAME!

"I AM THE MAN
WHO HAS SEEN
AFFLICTION..."

3 THE SUFFERING ONE

3 VERSES PER LETTER
66
VERSES



"I AM THE MAN WHO HAS SEEN AFFLICTION..."

DRIVEN AWAY
 WALKED IN DARKNESS
 SKIN + FLESH SUFFERING
 BROKEN BONES
 BESIEGED WITH BITTERNESS
 IMPRISONED
 CRIED IN VAIN
 CROOKED PATHS
 MANGLED EMOTIONS
 A TARGET OF HATE
 A LAUGHING STOCK
 MOCKED + JEERED
 IGNORED AND ABUSED
 TEETH SHATTERED
 TRAMPLED AND KICKED
 NO PEACE - RESTLESS
 FORGOTTEN PROSPERITY
 DEPRESSED + DOWNCAST



JEREMI

WAS A MAN WHO

SAW AFFLICTION

- Called at 17 to preach
- Weak, timid, shy
- Forbidden to marry or have children
- Saw the tragic future ahead
- Rejected by Kings
- Regularly Imprisoned for his views
- Rejected and abused by his own people
- Witnessed multiple deaths
- His message was ignored
- Overwhelmed by despair
- Constantly wept
- Dragged to Egypt
- Jewish tradition says 'stoned to death in Egypt'



JEREMI

WAS A MAN WHO
KNEW

LAME

{ *noun*
1. a passionate expression of grief or sorrow. }

NT

JEREMI

AH WAS A MAN WHO
KNEW HIS

GOD



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Because of the LORD'S great love we are
not consumed, for **His compassion**
never fails. They are new every morning;
great is **your faithfulness.**

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore

I will wait for Him.

3:22-24





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HOPE in God's great love

FAITH in God's faithfulness

PASSION for God's compassion

TRUST in God's portion

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Never forget that when you are
going through the fire, God's
hand is on the thermostat.

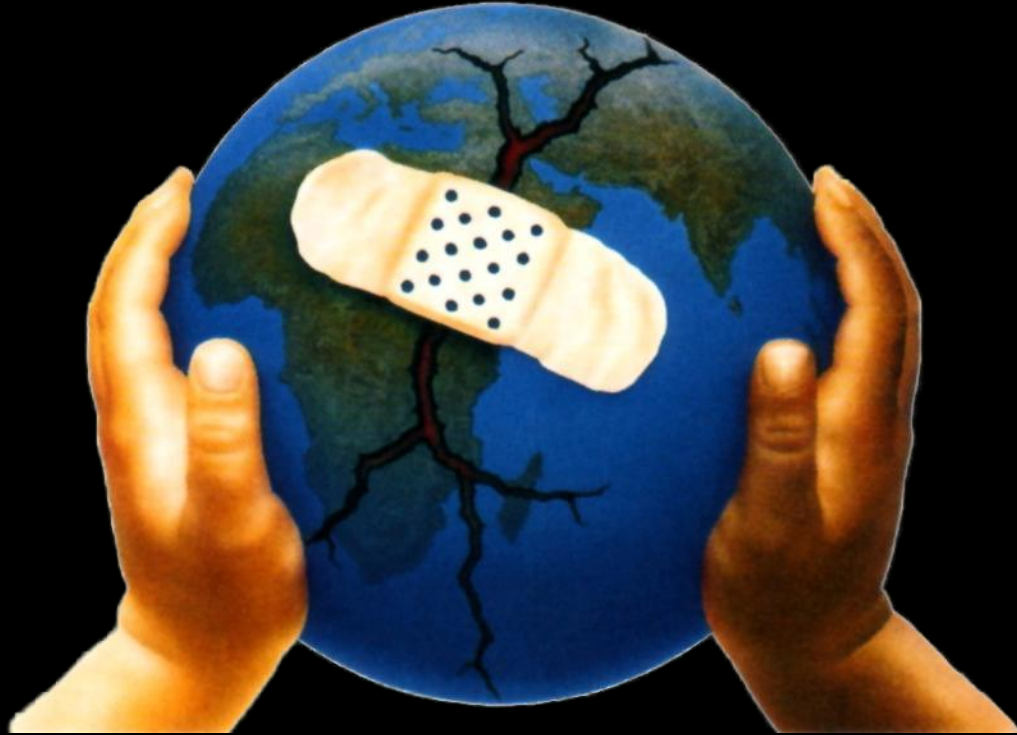
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Our Phones are Wireless,
Our Cooking is Fireless,
Our Cars are Keyless,
Our Tires are Tubeless,
Our Food is Fatless,
Our Dresses are Sleeveless,

Our Relationships are Meaningless,
Our Attitudes are Careless,
Our Feelings are Heartless,
Our Babies are Fatherless,
Our Children are Mannerless,
Our Education is Valueless,
Our Youth are Jobless,

Our Country is Godless,
Our Leaders are Shameless,
Our Politicians are Worthless,
Our Government is Clueless,
We are Speechless,
I am Gutless and feel Useless.



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HOPE
LOVE
MERCY
FORGIVENESS



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