

LAMENTATIONS 1 v. 1-6

- 1. How lonely sits the city that was once full of people!**
2. How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!
3. *She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.*

- 1. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;**
2. among all her lovers she has no-one to comfort her;
3. *all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.*

Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no-one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become her masters, her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her
transgressions;
her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture;
they fled without strength before the pursuer

LAMENTATIONS 3 v. 19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope.

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
*they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.***

**"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore will I hope in
him."**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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