

Where is Hope...?



How deserted lies the city,
once so full of people!

How like a widow is she,
who once was great
among the nations!

She who was queen
among the provinces
has now become a slave.

1:1

Reputation?

Where is Hope?



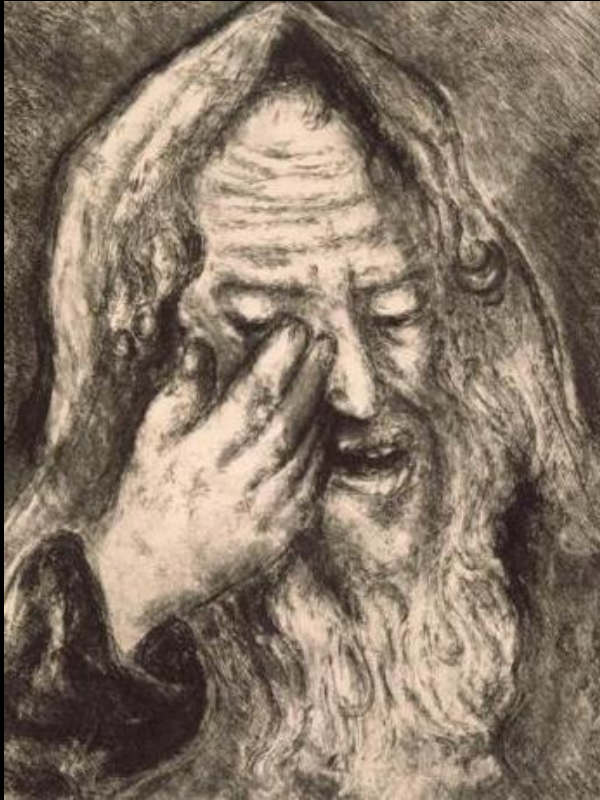
When her people fell into
enemy hands,
there was no one
to help her.

Her enemies looked at her
and laughed at her
destruction.

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National Security?

Where is Comfort?



This is why I weep and my eyes
overflow with tears.

No one is near to comfort me,

No one to restore my spirit. 1:16

My eyes fail from weeping,

I am in torment within... 2:11

Streams of tears flow from my eyes

Because my people are

destroyed. 3:48

The Explanation: God's Judgment

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place.

But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. 2 Chron 36:15-17

They Refused to Repent

Repentance: What is It?



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I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

Luke 18:10-14

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Seek God: Do Not Waver



I say to myself,
"The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."
The LORD is good
to those whose hope
is in him,
to the one who seeks him;

3:24,25

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Wait: Do Not Speak



It is good

to wait quietly

for the salvation

of the LORD.

Let him sit alone in silence,

for the LORD has laid it on him.

3:26,28

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Submit: Do Not Rebel

It is good for a man
to bear the yoke

while he is young.

Let him sit alone in silence,
for the LORD has laid it on him.



3:27,28

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Repent: Do Not Compare

Let him bury his face in the dust
there may yet be hope.



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Surrender: Do Not Resist

Let him offer his cheek
to one who would strike him,
and let him be filled
with disgrace.

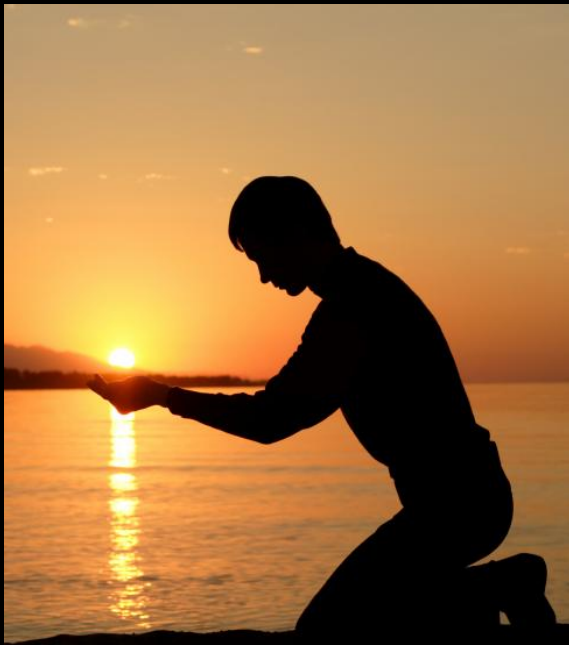


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Confess: Do Not Hesitate



Let us examine our ways
and test them,
and let us return to the LORD.
Let us lift up our hearts
and our hands to God in heaven,
and say:
We have sinned and rebelled
and you have not forgiven.

3:40-42

Godly Sorrow

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

See what this **godly sorrow** has produced in you:
what **earnestness**,
what **eagerness** to clear yourselves,
what **indignation**, what **alarm**,
what **longing**, what **concern**,
what **readiness to see justice done**.

2 Cor. 7:10,11

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