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Lamentations 4:7-22



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The consequences of the conquest of Jerusalem



Pay attention to how carefully Jeremiah reports here. From many little details you get the full picture, like a jigsaw puzzle, of the events in relation to the conquest of Jerusalem.

Today in the media it is only reported how many bombs have been dropped in a war. But Jeremiah emphasises the sufferings of the individual. He tells of a terrible famine which came over the inhabitants of Jerusalem as a consequence of the destruction of their city (vv7-10).

You have already read a few times whose fault this misery really was (vv13-14).

What God announced in Deuteronomy 28:65 is now fulfilled word for word: Israel is dispersed among the heathen nations (vv15-20). But then Jeremiah points to a glimmer of light for his countrymen (v22).



13. What had hungry women done in their distress?
14. To which animal are the enemies of the Jews compared?
 - Think about where there is a need in your immediate surroundings. How can you help?



Esau, the father of the Edomites (vv21-22) was the brother of Jacob, who the people of Israel descended from. But just as Esau had hated his brother Jacob, the Edomites hated the people of God. This was for their doom. God punished them so severely that this nation doesn't exist as such any more today.



You can be one hundred percent sure: God keeps His word!



13. They had cooked and eaten their children (v10)
14. to an eagle (v19).