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Lamentations 5:1-22



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## The desperate prayer to God



In this last paragraph you read about the resignation of the Jews. They recognise that they are lost without God. They were once a proud kingdom. Now they have become servants of servants (v8). However, they still know that their God is an eternal God.

If we don't honour God, it is not to His loss. He is not dependent on men – but men are dependent on Him.

But God's love is there for everyone – also for you!

God didn't need the Jews then, but He loved them. And it happens that He hears their request in verse 21. Only a few centuries later there was again a temple in Jerusalem (see Ezra 6:15).



- 15. What were the Jews saddest about?
- 16. What consequences did the enemy attack have on the women, the princes, the old and the young men?



„Servants“ in verse 8 means those nations who themselves were subjected to the Babylonians. The huge Babylonian empire couldn't have been defended and expanded only by Babylonians. That's why they forced the conquered nations to go to war together with them. Soldiers from neighbouring nations were taking part in the attack on Jerusalem as well – for example Edomites.



**God still answers prayers today!**

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15. They especially mourn about the desolation of mount Zion (v18). 16. Women were raped, princes killed, old people were not honoured and no longer sitting in judgment at the gate, young men had to work hard and were not able to make music any more.