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Lamentations 1:1-11



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## Jerusalem in distress



Jeremiah is mourning over Jerusalem. Once it was the religious and political centre of Israel. It's where the beautiful temple used to be. Great kings of Israel like David and Solomon reigned there. Here, every Jew used to bring a sacrifice to God at least once a year.

But these times are long gone. The priests and scribes now only had their own, and not God's, honour in view. And the kings in their greed for power had proved themselves to be unable to lead.

Selfishness and greed for power – an up-to-date issue. Don't you think so? It's "in" for everyone to do what they want. But God's standards haven't changed. And that's what Christians should live by.



- 01. Why was the beautiful city destroyed?
- 02. Who does Jeremiah compare the city to in this passage?



Zion is one of the three hills on which Jerusalem is built. You may have heard the term „Zionism“? That's the term for a Jewish movement having as an aim the return of the Jews into their homeland Israel.



**Do you try to push your "style" or do you show consideration for others?**




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01. Because the inhabitants had sinned against God (v5).  
 02. With a woman (princess, widow).

