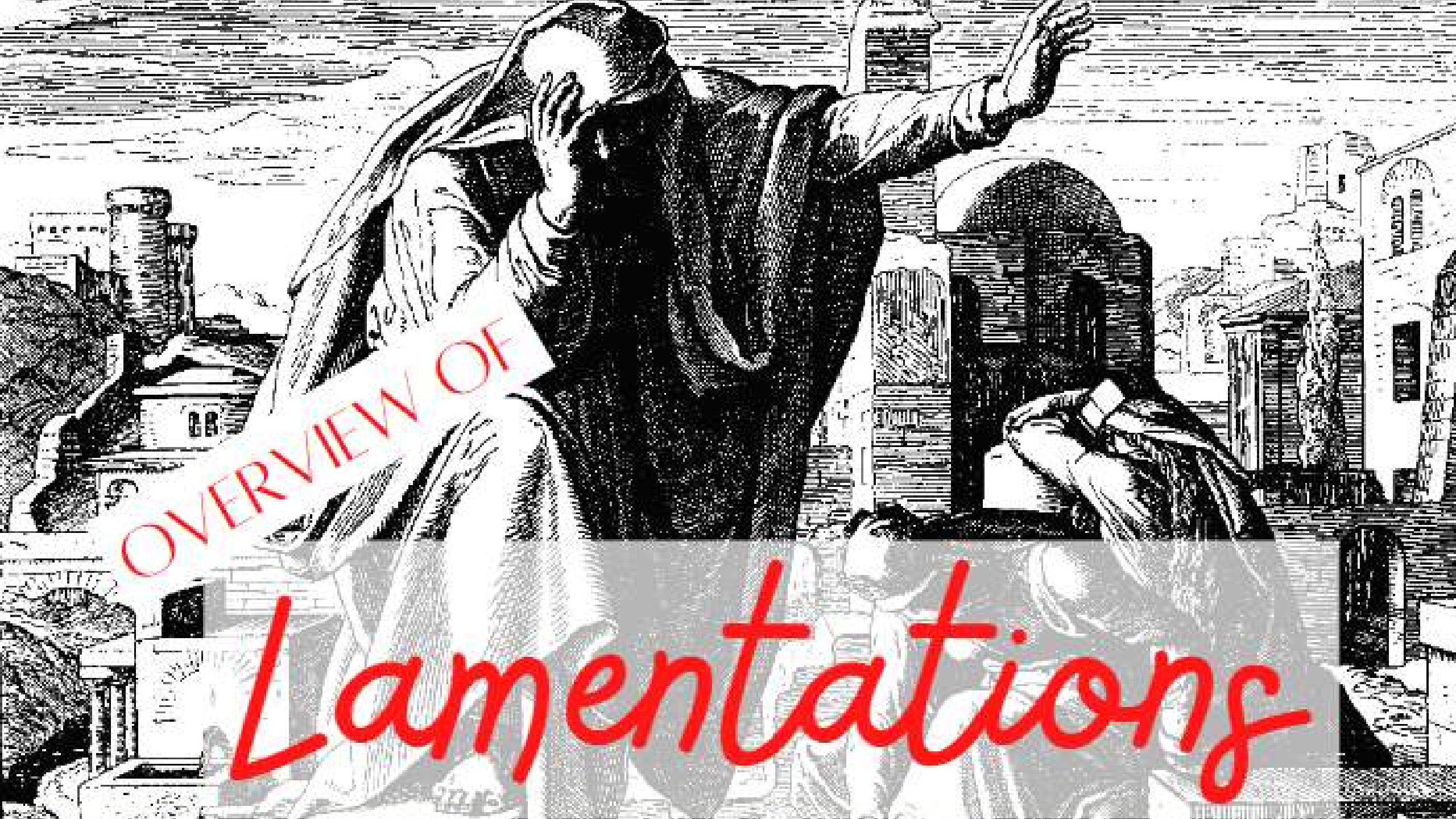


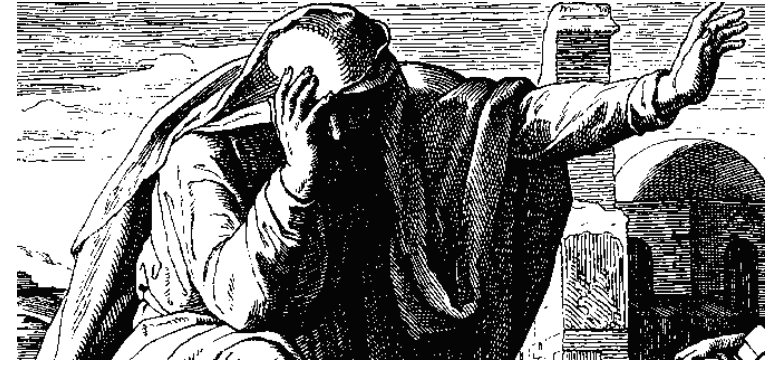


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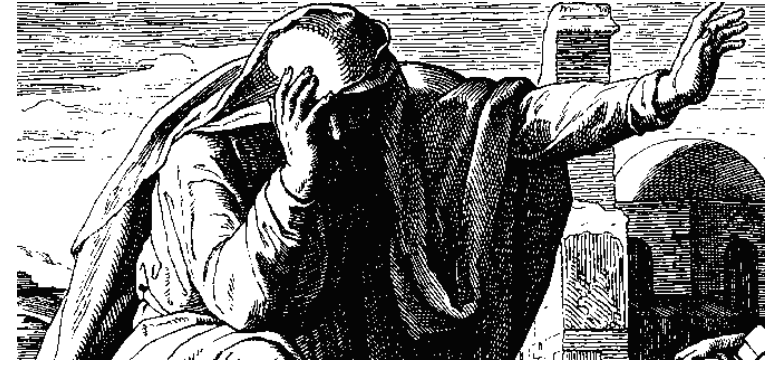
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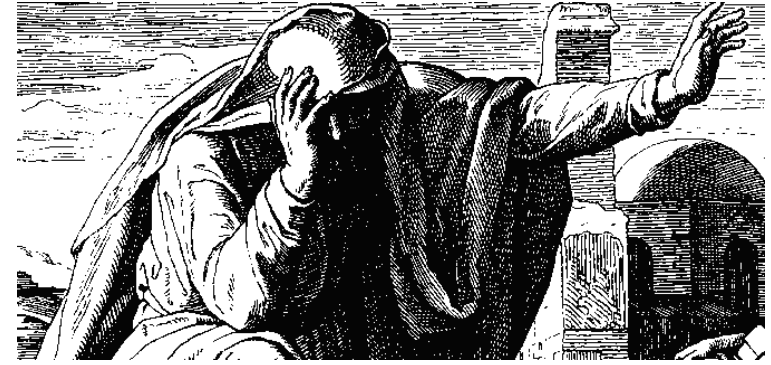


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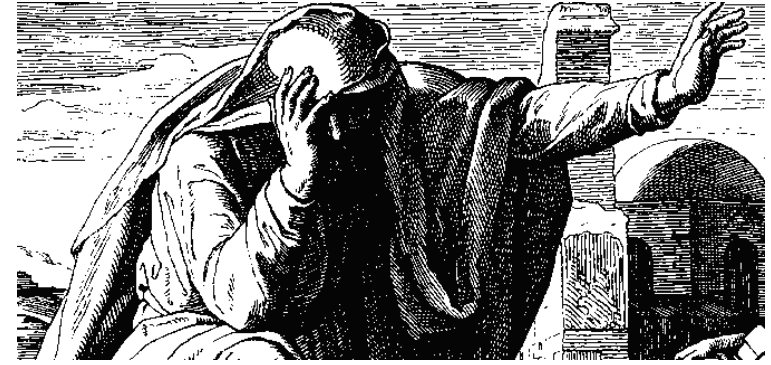


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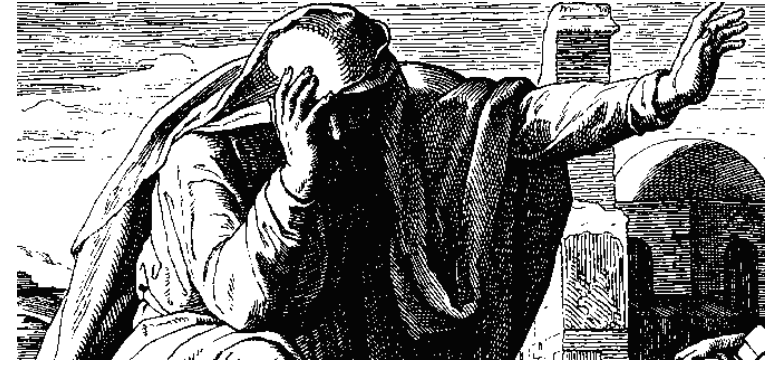
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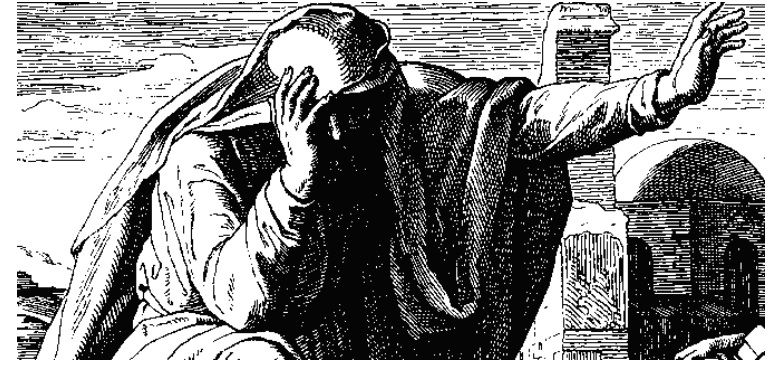
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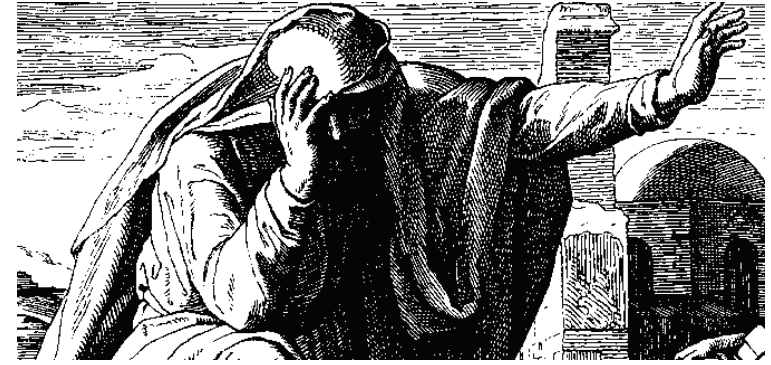
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*How lonely sits the city
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How like a widow has she become,
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She who was a princess among the provinces
has become a slave. (Lam 1:1)*

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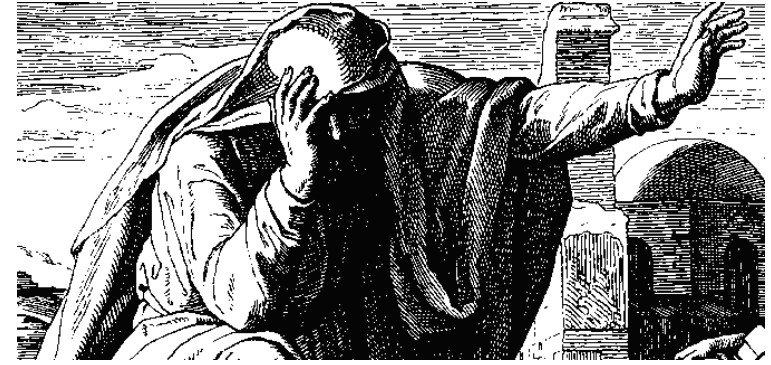


*18 "The LORD is in the right,
for I have rebelled against his word;
but hear, all you peoples,
and see my suffering;
my young women and my young men
have gone into captivity.*

*20 "Look, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my stomach churns;
my heart is wrung within me,
because I have been very rebellious.
In the street the sword bereaves;
in the house it is like death. (Lam 1:18,20)*

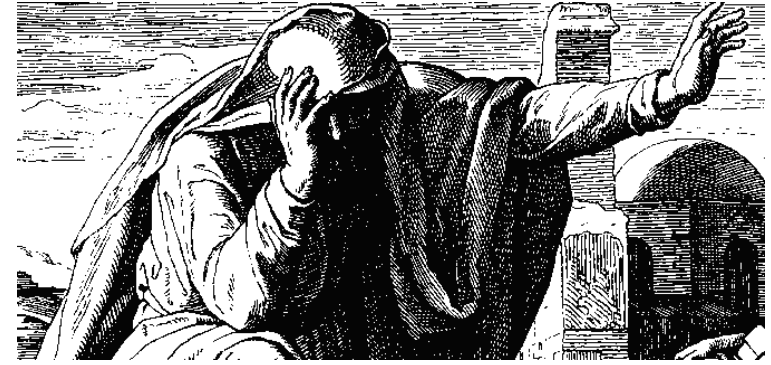
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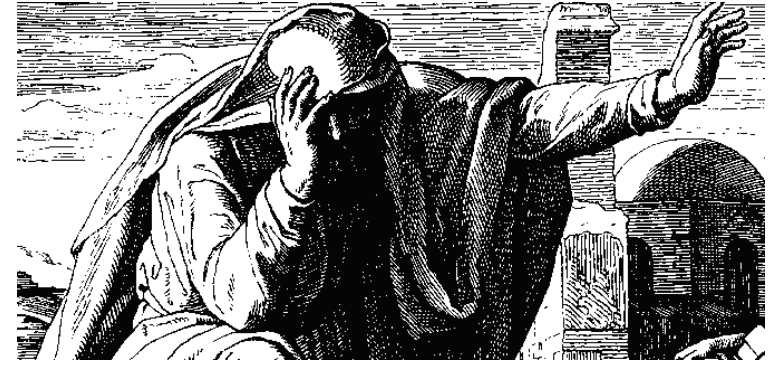
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- ¹ How **the Lord** in his anger
has set the daughter of Zion under a cloud!
He has cast down from heaven to earth
the splendor of Israel;
he has not remembered his footstool
in the day of his anger.
- ² **The Lord** has swallowed up without mercy
all the habitations of Jacob;
in **his** wrath **he** has broken down
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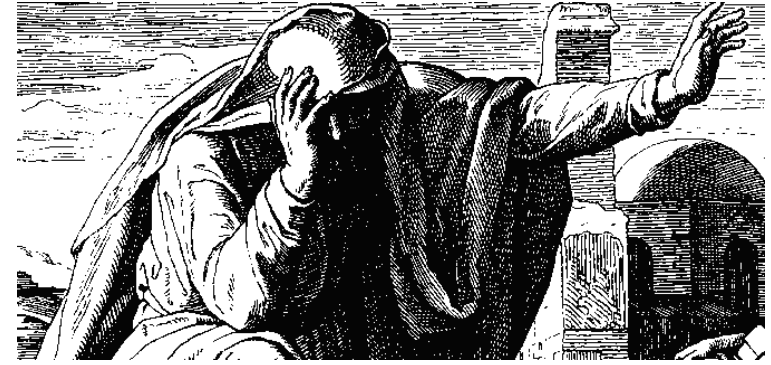
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³ **He** has cut down in fierce anger
all the might of Israel;
he has withdrawn from them his right hand
in the face of the enemy;
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob,
consuming all around.
⁴ **He** has bent his bow like an enemy,
with his right hand set like a foe;
and **he** has killed all who were delightful in our eyes
in the tent of the daughter of Zion;
he has poured out his fury like fire.

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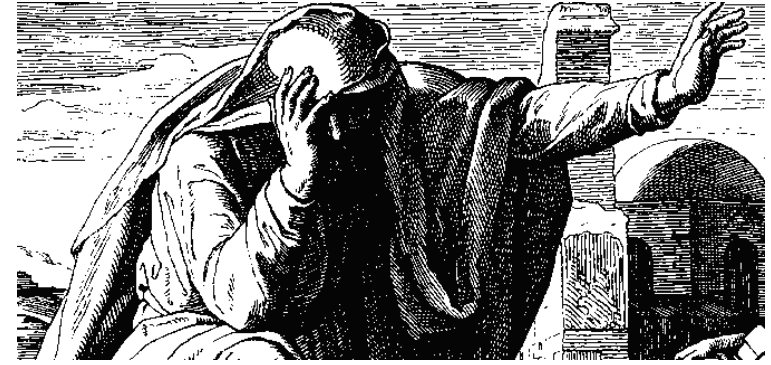


⁵ **The Lord** has become like an enemy;
 he has swallowed up Israel;
he has swallowed up all its palaces;
 he has laid in ruins its strongholds,
and **he** has multiplied in the daughter of Judah
 mourning and lamentation.

⁶ **He** has laid waste his booth like a garden,
 laid in ruins his meeting place;
the LORD has made Zion forget
 festival and Sabbath,
and in his fierce indignation has spurned king and priest.

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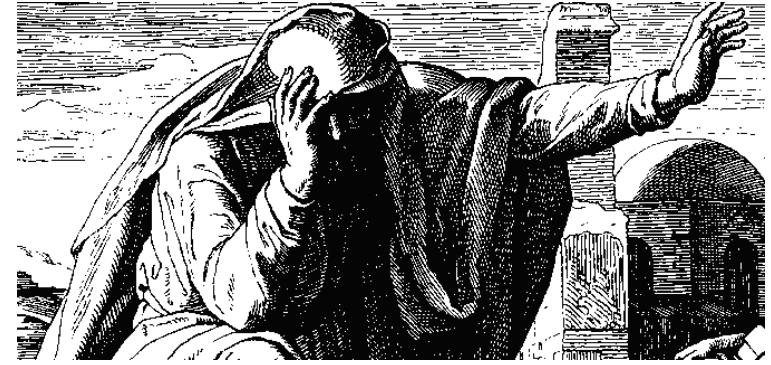


⁷ **The Lord** has scorned his altar,
disowned his sanctuary;
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy
the walls of her palaces;
they raised a clamor in the house of the LORD
as on the day of festival.

⁸ **The LORD** determined to lay in ruins
the wall of the daughter of Zion;
he stretched out the measuring line;
he did not restrain his hand from destroying;
he caused rampart and wall to lament;
they languished together. (Lam 2:1-8)

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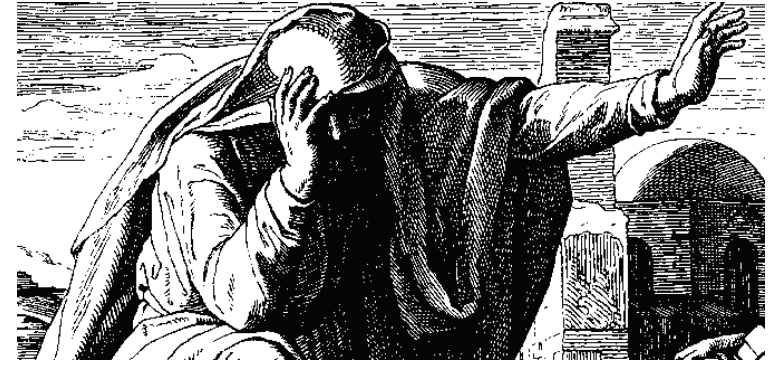
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“The *LORD* has done what he
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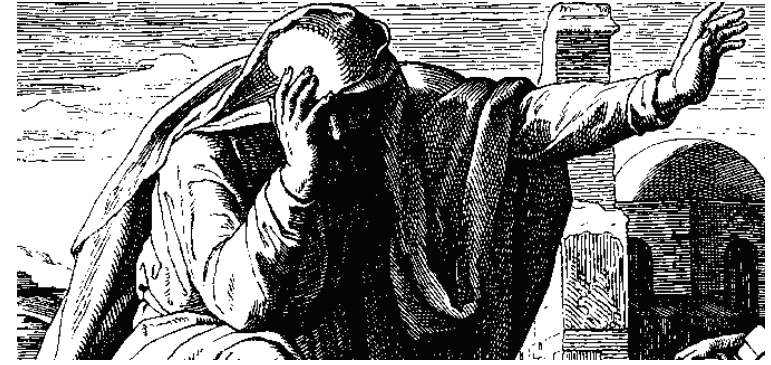
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*This was for the sins of her **prophets**
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who shed in the midst of her
the blood of the righteous.*

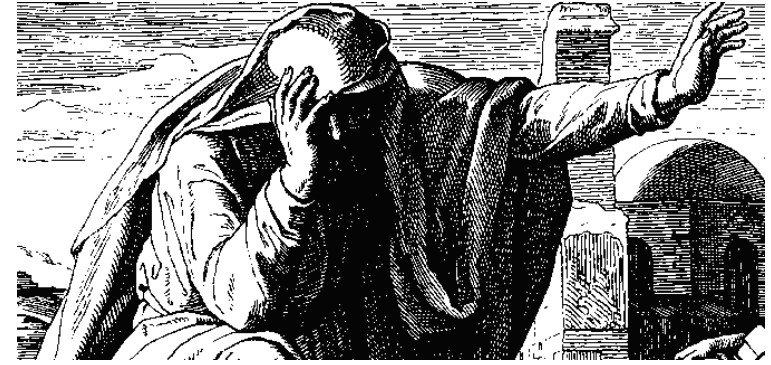
*¹⁴ They wandered, blind, through the streets;
they were so defiled with blood
that no one was able to touch
their garments.*

*¹⁵ "Away! Unclean!" people cried at them.
"Away! Away! Do not touch!"*

*So they became fugitives and wanderers;
people said among the nations,
"They shall stay with us no longer." (Lam 4:13-15)*

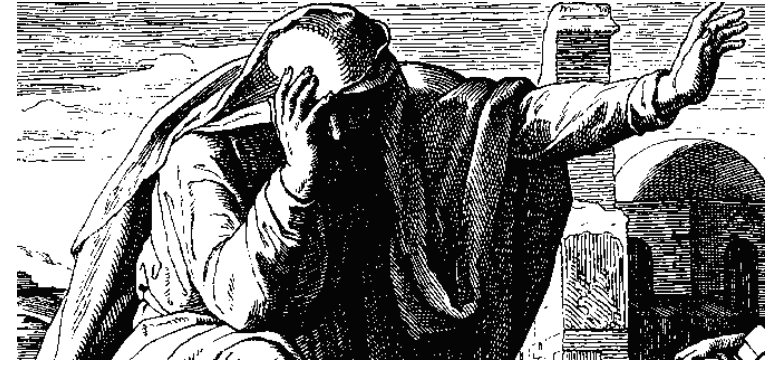
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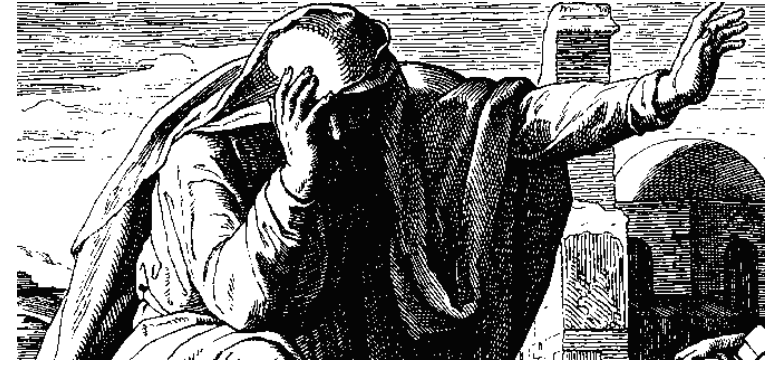
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*“Remember, O LORD, what has happened to us;
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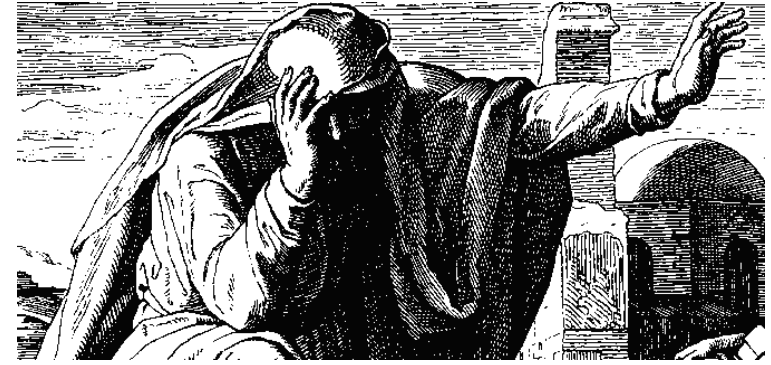
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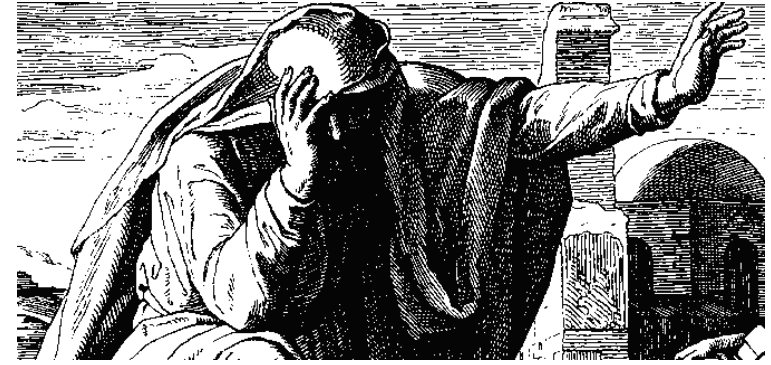
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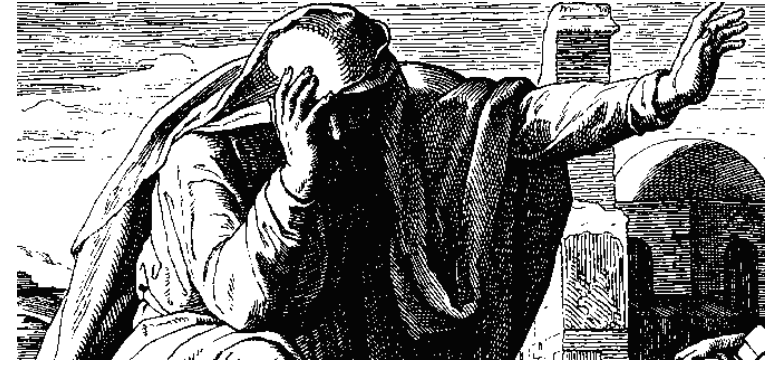
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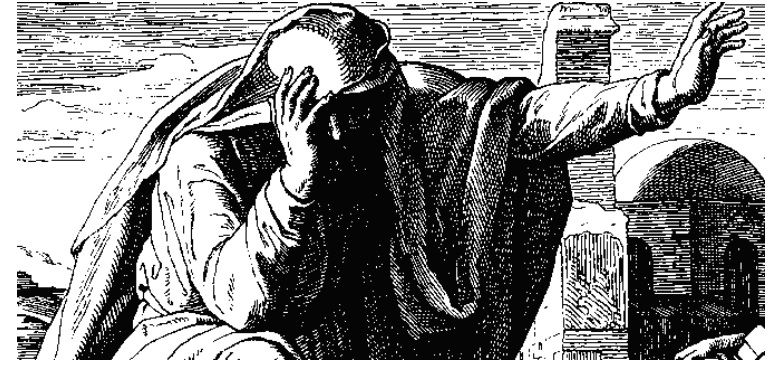
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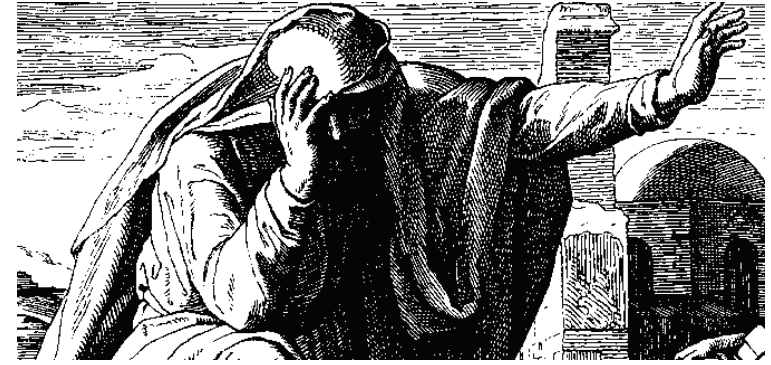


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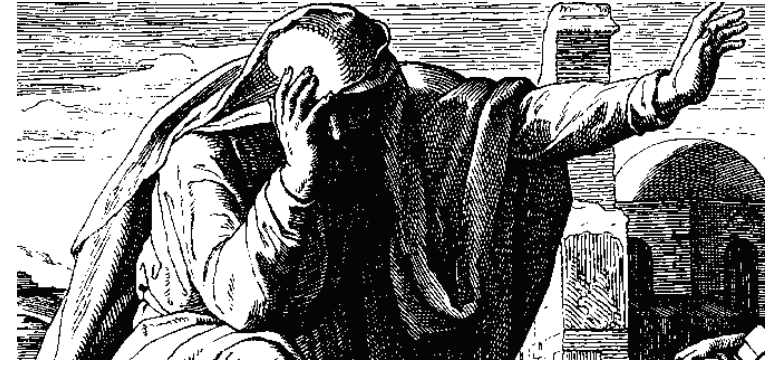
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. . . for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. 2 Tim 1:12

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May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13