Lamentations 1:7 (NET)

Jerusalem remembers, when she became a poor homeless person, all her treasures that she owned in days of old. When her people fell into an enemy's grip, none of her allies came to her rescue. Her enemies gloated over her; they sneered at her downfall. Lamentations 1:8 (NET) Jerusalem committed terrible sin; therefore she became an object of scorn. All who admired her have despised her because they have seen her nakedness. She groans aloud and turns away in shame. Lamentations 1:18 (NET) The LORD is right to judge me! Yes, I rebelled against his commands. Please listen, all you nations, and look at my suffering! My young women and men have gone into exile.

Complete and Total DEVASTATION

Lamentations 1-2

Video Lament 1.1

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Describes the BLESSINGS God promised IF the worshiped ONLY Him

Deuteronomy 28:15-65 Describes the CURSES God promised IF they worshipped OTHER gods Deuteronomy 28:15 (NLT) But if you refuse to listen to the LORD your God and DO NOT OBEY all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, ALL these CURSES will come and overwhelm you:

Deuteronomy 28:16-19 (NLT) Your towns and your fields WILL be cursed. ¹⁷ Your fruit baskets and breadboards WILL be cursed. ¹⁸ Your children and your crops WILL be cursed. The offspring of your <u>herds</u> and <u>flocks</u> WILL be cursed. ¹⁹ Wherever you **GO** and <u>whatever</u> you **DO**, you WILL be CURSED.

Deuteronomy 28:20 (NLT) The LORD Himself WILL send on you CURSES, CONFUSION, and **FRUSTRATION** in everything you do, until at last you are **completely DESTROYED** for doing evil and abandoning ME.

VIDEO Lament 1.2

There were THREE different Deportations between 607-587 BC

Jeremiah 6:10 (NLT) To whom can I give warning? Who will listen when I speak? Their ears are closed, and they cannot hear. They SCORN the word of the LORD. They don't want to listen at all.

Jeremiah 6:16-17 (NLT) This is what the LORD says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find **REST** for your **SOULS**. But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!'

Jeremiah 6:16-17 (NLT) ¹⁷ I posted WATCHMEN over you who said, **'Listen for the sound of the alarm.'** But you replied, **'No! We won't pay attention!'**

God Withdrew His COMFORT and Protection from Judah

¹⁶ For all these things I weep; tears flow down my cheeks.
No one is here to <u>COMFORT me...</u> Jeremiah's sorrow expresses the sorrow of the nation. God is the comforter, but because of the people's sins, He had to turned away from them and become their JUDGE. LABS Hebrews 10:31 (NIV) It is a DREADFUL thing to fall into the hands of the LIVING God.

They were standing before God as their JUDGE

John 3:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE the world through Him. John 3:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ Whoever BELIEVES in Him is not condemned, but whoever does NOT believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

God IS Slow to ANGER and Full of Mercy Compassion and LOVE

^{2:1} ... In His day of great anger,
the Lord has shown NO mercy
even to his Temple.

Psalm 103:8-9 (NLT) The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get ANGRY and filled with unfailing love. ⁹ He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

Psalm 103:8-11 (NLT) ¹⁰ He does not punish us for all our sins; He does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹ For **HIS unfailing love toward** those who fear HIM is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

You REAP what you SOW

^{2:17} But it is the LORD who did just as He planned. He has fulfilled the promises of disaster He made long ago. He has destroyed Jerusalem without mercy. Galatians 6:7 (ESV) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, THAT will he also reap. You reap WHAT you sow, NOT something else, but THAT. An act of love makes the soul more loving. A humble deed deepens humility. The thing REAPED is the very thing SOWN, MULTIPLIED a hundred fold.

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Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: "When **seventy years are completed** for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill **MY gracious promise** to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the PLANS I have for you," declares the LORD, "PLANS to prosper you and not to harm you, PLANS to give you HOPE and a FUTURE. ¹² Then you will call upon ME and come and pray to ME, and I WILL listen to you.

¹³ You will seek ME and FIND ME when you seek ME with ALL your heart.