

THE LORD'S WRATH

Lamentations 4

**God's eternal wrath awaits the unbeliever (John 3:36)
but God's judgmental wrath also afflicts the misbehaving**

I. THE CONDITIONS OF WRATH (1-12)

A. A DESTROYED PLACE (1)

B. A DISILLUSIONED PEOPLE (2-5, 7-10)

1. Precious sons (2)
2. Mothering daughters (3-4)
3. Wealthy socialites (5)
4. Eminent nobles (7-8)
5. Starving citizens (9)
6. Hungry women (10)

C. A DIVINE PUNISHMENT (11-12)

1. Directed by God
2. Devastation from God
3. Disbelief from all who thought Jerusalem was impregnable (12)

D. A DISTURBING POINT

- Things change when God is mad!

II. THE CAUSES OF WRATH (6, 13-20)

A. THEIR GREATER SIN (6)

- Compared to Sodom, Judah's sin was greater

B. THEIR GODLESS CLERGY (13-16)

1. The prophets and priests shed blood
2. They suffer the consequences
3. We should beware
 - a. Ungodly pastors and teachers can affect us too
 - b. See II Timothy 2:16-18, 23, 3:6-8

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C. THEIR MISPLACED HOPE (17-20)

1. In other nations (17-18)
2. In their king (19-20)

III. THEIR COMFORT AMID WRATH (21-22)**A. THE PROPHET'S PERSPECTIVE**

1. He's affected by their sins
2. He's aware of their despair (see especially vs. 17-20)
3. He offered this lament

B. THE PROPHET'S PRONOUNCEMENTS

1. Edom's Condemnation (21, 22b)
2. Judah's Consolation (22a)

CONCLUSION:

We must beware lest we forget God and disobey His commands

- Read Deuteronomy 8:11-14