

lamentations_chapter_2_part3 (1080p)

Sat, Apr 19, 2025 9:24PM • 26:53

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

Lamentations, punishment, repentance, destruction, sorrow, enemies, covenant, rebellion, idolatry, prophecy, suffering, obedience, blessings, wrath, faithfulness.

SPEAKERS

Intro Voice, Baruch Korman

Intro Voice 00:03

Shalom and welcome to via hafte yesrael, a Hebrew phrase, which means you shall love Israel. We hope you'll stay with us for the next 30 minutes, as our teacher, Dr Baruch, shares his expository teaching from the Bible. Dr Baruch is the senior lecturer at the Zera Avraham Institute based in Israel, although all courses are taught in Hebrew at the institute, Dr Baruch is pleased to share this weekly address in English. To find out more about our work in Israel, please visit us on the web@loveisrael.org That's one word, loveisrael.org Now here's Baruch with today's lesson.

Baruch Korman 00:42

It is because our God is a righteous God that He will indeed punish his people. And even though God loves them, he will demonstrate His faithfulness to His Word, to what he has promised, what the prophets have told and this is a great example that we find in the book of Lamentations, that the children of Israel, those who are dwelling in that holy city of Jerusalem, they have suffered devastation, and they have seen with great sorrow, those whom they love perish in the streets due to hunger and due to the sword of the enemy. But nevertheless, God, who is always just and righteous, when people ignore His Word, when they refuse to repent, in the end, this righteousness of God will manifest a harsh punishment to those who ignore His Word. So we always need to ask ourselves, Am I listening to God? Am I aware of what he thinks of me? God? He's writing down every thought, every word and every action that we make, and therefore we need to always base our decisions, our speech and our activity upon the instructions of God, what God has commanded us to do and not to do those things that he's commanded us not to do. Well, take out your Bibles and look with me to the book of Lamentations in chapter two, the book of Lamentations in chapter two. Now the people, they are suffering greatly. But why? Because they were non responsive to his calls to repent. God made it very clear that he was willing to bring the people back, that he was willing to show them the right way to travel. But again, the people rejected His word. They did not respond to His prophetic truth, and now they have experienced great sorrows and destruction and death all around them, and we'll see that in this portion of chapter two, in no uncertain terms. So look with me to verse 16, Lamentations chapter two, beginning with verse 16, where we read all your enemies and these who they learn from. I'm speaking about the children of Israel. They learn from the nations around them, and now these nations are their enemies. God's using them to execute punishment upon his people. So he says in verse 16, all your enemies,

they open their mouth against you, and not only do they speak, but notice something else, they hiss and they gnash teeth. They say we have swallowed. And the implication here in most Bibles fill this in is that we have swallowed, meaning up the children of Judah, those who dwelt in Jerusalem, those who were called to serve God because of their rebelliousness, they have been swallowed up by the enemy. And then it says, surely, this is the day that we have hoped for it. Now this is speaking about the enemy they have hoped for such a day when the Jewish people that they are destroyed. So they say, this is the day that we have hoped for it. We have found meaning. We have found it now, and we have seen it. This is a fulfillment of the enemy's desires. And what is that to bring about destruction for the people of God? Now, one of the things that this. Scripture is showing us is a very worldly perspective. The world hates Israel. Why? Because Israel is in that covenant relationship. God wants to use them for his purposes. And what are the purposes of God to bless all the families of the earth? That's God's desire. That's why he chose Israel. That's why he provided for Israel to use them as his instrument a blessing. But what do the nations do? They rebel against God, and they want to see Israel destroyed. That's not logical. And what's the only explanation? The nations have been deceived by the enemy. Look now to verse 17, the Lord has done what he has purposed. Now this is a word of plan. God has a plan, and that plan was was taught to the people by the prophet Jeremiah, and God says exactly what he was going to do if the people would not repent, and therefore, because they persisted in their rebelliousness, their unwillingness to see things from God's perspective, this was the outcome utter destruction and death. And we see how the people were full of sorrow. They did not know joy. They knew only the mourning that they were experiencing from seeing their young children die of hunger in the streets. And that's why it says, Look at Verse 17, the Lord has done what he has has planned. He has performed His Word, which he commanded from the days of old. And what was that word? Well, it wasn't what he wanted to do, but because of who he is, that He's righteous, that He's holy, that he's faithful. When people rebel, they can experience what this word is harass, which is destruction. Is a word for tearing down. It's a word that expresses not building up or edification, but the exact opposite of that. And it says at the end, he did not pity and the enemy rejoiced over you. He lifted his horn of the enemy. Now this horn is a expression of victory. And what it says here is God allowed that enemy to have victory. Is that God's Will from the beginning, absolutely not, but when his people are rebellious and sinful and unwilling to turn back to God, God will use that enemy in order that they might have victory over the people of God. Now it's not what they're going to experience for eternity. It's limited. And we saw, for example, according to the book of Jeremiah, this time of exile, this time of suffering, sadness and destruction and death that came upon Judah, it was going to be limited to 70 years. Now that's seven times 10. Seven relates to purpose. And what we see here is that God had a thorough purpose in these 70 years to bring about a change among the people that they might see things from his perspective and not be deceived by those nations around them that had no revelation, no truth and no Torah. Look now to the next verse, where it says in verse 18, their heart cried out to the Lord. Now the Lord here is being spoken of in a unique way, spoken of the wall of the daughter of Zion. Again, that word wall speaks of defense, it speaks of stability. But now God's not demonstrating those qualities, because the people are not faithful. If you want to know stability, if you want to know security, you find it in the will of God. But these people have abandoned the will of God. They have embraced the deception of the nations. They have been deceived, and therefore they're experiencing the outcome of what the enemy wants them to experience, not what God wants them to experience, or what he has promised for them to experience in the state of disobedience. We're not going to get God's will. We are going to get destruction, and this. Is what the people are experiencing. Look again at verse 18, their

heart cries out. It's literally the word SAAQ, which is to yell or to scream. It's a word of intensity. So their heart screams out to the Lord, and who is the Lord the wall of the daughter of Zion. And it says here,

Baruch Korman 10:26

her tear was brought down as a river. And it's speaking about abundance. She is exceedingly sorrow. Her tears are flowing like a river. They're brought down upon her face. And it says, this is something not not sometimes or seldom, but it says here, day and night and do not give give rest to you, meaning, God's not going to give rest. And this word for rest is a cc what he's saying here is that this sorrow, this suffering, this destruction, this death, is going to be going on consistently, continuously because of the people's hardness of heart, so there is no Rest. And then it says, Do not be silent the apple of your eye. Now that's speaking about the pupil. And what it means here is don't be silent or don't be still, meaning they're going to witness this. Their eyes not going to have a rest either. They're going to continue to witness this destruction and things that bring them great pain and sorrow, and why is this? It wasn't God's will. It was because the people refuse to humble themselves, to walk in submissiveness to God's instructions, to not go after foreign gods, not to assimilate like the nations, but because of this refusal to walk in sanctification, that is, to behave in the purposes of God. Because of that, they are experiencing all of this sorrow, sadness, destruction and death. Look now to verse 19, where he says, Rise up and shout. Now this term for rising up is usually in light of a call to obey God, that God has a plan. So when they say rise up, it means submit to the will of God, the purposes of God, the plans of God, rise up and shout in the night. Now, night time is a spiritual time. And the reason why I say that is that when God brought about redemption, a physical redemption that had spiritual implications in Egypt, he struck the Egyptians at night. We see that frequently God does not sleep or slumber. That's what the Bible says. Frequently in the Bible, it talks about what God does in the night, when we're asleep, God is able to bring changes. God never rests. He's always at work, doing his work, doing what he has said he would do. So verse 19, rise up and shout in the night at the beginning of the Night Watch, and then it says, pour out your heart as water before the face of the Lord, lift up your hands unto Him. And this is an idiom for pray. So pray through the night with weeping. And then it says concerning the life of your young children. Now the word here is for life is nefesh, which is soul, but it's oftentimes used within an expression of life. So when God speaks about the soul, he spoke speaking about the very essence of that person. So he says, Look again all the verse verse 19, rise up and shout and the night. At the beginning of the night, watch. He says, pour out your heart as water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands unto the Lord. And this is actually your your your palms unto the Lord. Why? Concerning the life of your small children, the ones who faint with hunger at the head of every street so you come to. To and the head of every street can be like an intersection. You come there and what do you see? Dead children, and you can imagine the pain, the sorrow that the parents would have, the helplessness there is no food. The enemy has no mercy. The enemy is not providing and therefore the situation is most dire, death and destruction and sorrow is the character that has become Jerusalem because of Jerusalem's idolatry, and this is what the people are experiencing. Keep reading. He asked a question, if a priest and a prophet should be put to death, where in the sanctuary of the Lord? Now, what that simply tells us is this people because of false prophecy. See, if you look and read carefully the book of Jeremiah, we find that the false prophets were relying upon the temple as a place of protection, as a sign of the fact that God would never allow Jerusalem to be destroyed. This was not the case. God was angry with the people because of their idolatry and their unwillingness to repent and listen to him, and therefore, this place where the people thought they would be safe, that God would never allow his

temple to be destroyed, his sanctuary to be to be transgressed. What happens? They went there. But we see in the scripture that both the priests and the prophets, they were put to death in the sanctuary of the Lord. Look at verse 21 lay down at the street of the land. And who would lie down on the street of the land, a young person NAR and also a Zach and an older person. So both the young and the old meaning this. There were no exceptions. Death visited Judah. Death came to Jerusalem, and the entire city suffered. There was no distinction between any of the ages. And then it says also my my virgins and my young men, they fell by the sword. And it says you killed in the day of your anger, and you massacred and you were not and this is the second time it says, and you had no pity. Now the reason for that is that the time for grace and mercy and forgiveness had long passed. We remember that it tells us in the prophecy of Jeremiah, Jeremiah was told no longer pray for this people, that God was not open to hearing any of the prayers from Jeremiah or for the people. Why? Because the people were committed to their will, a rebellious will, doing what they wanted and pursuing idolatry. Why? Well, they knew what they wanted. God would never provide for them, so their motivation was to follow the foreign gods, the gods that did not have law, did not want order, did not want to bless what did they do? They did what was their desires, not the desires of God. And now God, who is always faithful, is showing them what our desires produce. It's only when we submit to God's commands, his instructions, his word, then we can find joy and satisfaction and that which is meaning and enduring that is eternal. With God, there is eternity. And I'm not just talking about eternal life. I'm talking about giving to your life, your existence significance for eternity, only God is able to bring that about. So the people they were experiencing. Look at the end of verse 21 says, You massacred. That's what the people experience. And no pity. Last verse, verse 22

Baruch Korman 19:40

you invited as the day of an appointed time. Now this word, moed is related to a biblical festival, what's called the festivals of the Lord. And it says here, You invited as in the day of your appointed. Time. But what did God invite? Well, the festivals were times of joy, a time of celebration, a time of abundant provision. Some of them were related to a harvest, a bountiful harvest, but not this one, this time that God appointed, that he invited the people to were a time of of terror all around and this word terror is a strong word. It's not the normal one, but a unique one that speaks about being utterly shaken inwardly by fear, not the fear of the Lord, but fearful things taking place all around you. So he says he has invited, meaning God has invited, as a appointed time, as a day of appointed time, terror all around and then it says it was not in the day of of the Lord's anger, any refugee or any survivor. So in that day of the Lord's anger, there was not any one that escaped or anyone that survived, whom I have brought up. Now this word for bringing up is a word of endearment. It speaks and the image here is very clear. It speaks about a mother and father that brings up children, and because they raise up that children, they invest in them in the fullest sense, and they have these fine and fine feelings for them. And what it says here is that that these people, they were bringing up their children, they had endearment towards them. But what happened? Well, it says in this scripture that that they were also multiplying, meaning they would have one child and have another and another. They would bring them up. But what would happen? It says here, the enemy, literally, my enemy. What would he do? Finish them off, bring them to and in it is a word of of destruction. So I can't emphasize enough that when we go our way, when we choose our will, when we reject God, well, we don't want to listen to him. We don't want to submit to Him. We don't want to obey Him. What we can experience and what we will experience is sorrow, destruction, disappointment, great fear all around us, and we will see that next generation dying out

before us. And that next generation is an important theological term, because we should live and raise that next generation for the coming of Messiah. We always want to look forward to that next generation and make them be ready for the fulfillment of God's promises, the establishment of His kingdom. But when that next generation dies, suffers and is, is no longer that speaks of hopelessness, and when we chase after our desires, following what we want, we are going to be a hopeless people. Why? It's only in obedience that we can take hold of the promises of God. It is when we participate in the purposes of God that we are going to have a hope that will not disappoint, but a hope that will truly satisfy, that will make us content, will be a source of abundant joy, and will lead us, this, this feelings, this obedience, will lead us into God's Will whereby we can become recipients of all the good things that God wants to bless us with again and again, we need To see our God is a blessed God. He loves us, and he wants to bestow upon us generously, but in order to receive His provision, we have to be people that listen, that obey, that that execute the purposes of God in our life by adhering to the instructions of God, and when we do, we are inviting not just blessings, but a joy and a peace and a contentment that passes all understanding. God's able but realize this important truth, God will not bless, he will not help. Help. He will not assist those who walk in defiance against his will, those who obey, they will know the faithfulness of God to reward. And those who reject the Word of God, they will know His faithfulness to punish, Judge, destroy and pour out upon them His wrath. God is sovereign and God is faithful to who he is. The question is, what is he going to provide for you? Is he going to provide blessings here in this world and then the kingdom of God, or is God going to move against you as he's moving against the people of Judah in the book of Lamentations, God offers us, but we have to submit. We have to receive it in faith. And if we don't, we are inviting destruction into our future. Don't be foolish. Don't be deceived. Be obedient to the instructions of God. I'll close with that until next week. Shalom from Israel.

Intro Voice 26:17

Well, we hope you will benefit from today's message and share it with others. Please plan to join us each week at this time and on this channel for our broadcast of loveisrael.org again, to find out more about us, please visit our website, loveisrael.org There you will find articles in numerous other lectures by Baruch. These teachings are in video form. May download them or watch them in streaming video until next week, may the Lord bless you in our Messiah, Yeshua, that is Jesus, as you walk with Him, Shalom from Israel. You.