

Bible Study Chart

Jeremiah 9: The Daughter of Zion

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Scripture	Comment
9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people ! {Oh...: Heb. Who will give my head, etc}	Daughter of my people (Israel) is reference to the Church of God. Here is reference to these people being slain – does this refer to the Laodicean Era of God’s Church
2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people , and go from them! for they <i>be</i> all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.	Could this be inferring that the Church wishes to leave Israel prior to the Tribulation? Would persecution drive them out? See v19 and Ps 55:6-8. Or to Christians to flee from out of an apostatising church?
3 And they bend their tongues <i>like</i> their bow <i>for</i> lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.	They lie; don’t contend for the truth (John 17:17; Jude 3); commit evils; don’t know God. Cp Rev 3:17-18
4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders. {neighbour: or, friend}	They are not trustworthy (see Is 31:1; 30:2; Jer 17:5; Ps 84:12; 20:7); they supplant – ie to “seize by the heel”, “to circumvent”, “to restrain”, “to trip up”); they slander
5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, <i>and</i> weary themselves to commit iniquity. {deceive: or, mock}	They deceive; don’t speak the truth (cp John 17:17); they are self-taught liars; they commit iniquity (diverse sins)
6 Thine habitation <i>is</i> in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.	They are deceitful; they refuse to know God. And they are thus rebels! So notice: there are 13 sins listed here for the “daughter of Zion” – 13 is the no. of rebellion in scripture
7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people ?	Because of their sins, God is going to “try” them – the Hebrew means to refine them – as in a furnace. Cp Rev 3:18; Mal 2:2-3. The Laodicean Church of God will go through the Great Tribulation along with or mixed in with, the House of Israel
8 Their tongue <i>is as</i> an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: <i>one</i> speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait. {in heart: Heb. in the midst of him} {his wait: or, wait for him}	This is my experience exactly. My personal notes are full of it! It is a shocker! Compare with Ps 55:20-21 where similar language is used. Here, David seems to type the Philadelphian attitude and is stabbed in the back by a fellow – one of his mates – a man who fellowshipped often with him and who actually went to Sabbath services with him (Ps 55:14)

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9 Shall I not visit them for these <i>things</i> ? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?	God's visitation = punishment. This can be spiritually upon an individual or physically; or upon a nation. Thus God will punish the Daughter of Zion
10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through <i>them</i> ; neither can <i>men</i> hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone. {habitations: or, pastures} {burned up: or, desolate} {both...: Heb. from the fowl even to, etc}	"burned up" may intimate some sort of destruction due to modern weaponry.
11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, <i>and</i> a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant. {desolate: Heb. desolation}	Compare Daniel 11:41
12 Who <i>is</i> the wise man, that may understand this? and <i>who is he</i> to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth <i>and</i> is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?	Compare with Has 14:9; Dan 12:10; Ps 111:10; Prov 1:23; 2:6; 3:1; 4:3; 8:9; 9:10
13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;	Watering down the Law and ignoring much of the Torah – in other words reducing God's Word down to a few concepts such as the Sabbath while ignoring vast chunks of the Bible
14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: {imagination: or, stubbornness}	Yup, pagan ideas such as New Years and political correctness have infiltrated the Churches of God
15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, <i>even</i> this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.	Wormwood and gall – see 8:14; 23:15; Lam 3:5 19; Amos 6:12; Deut 29:18
16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.	Captivity at the hands of a US of Europe and other nations – along with the House of Israel
17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning <i>women</i> , that they may come:	
18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.	
19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion , How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.	They are removed from the lands of Israel due to captivity. See Is 66:5; 16:3-4; Mic 3:10. It can also be rendered "they have cast down our habitations". See Ps 74:1-10; 79:1-5; Dan 8:11-13; Lam 2:1-2; Is 63:18; Rev 11:2 – these prophecies all obviously refer to the Laodiceans
20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.	Wailing due to invasion and captivity
21 For death is come up into our windows, <i>and</i> is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, <i>and</i> the young men from the streets.	Death is everywhere – 1/3 of Israelites die due to famine and disease; a further 1/3 die due to war

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22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather <i>them</i> .	Massive death count. Even more die in captivity
23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise <i>man</i> glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty <i>man</i> glory in his might, let not the rich <i>man</i> glory in his riches:	They won't be able to glory in themselves – for they will be utterly crushed
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I <i>am</i> the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these <i>things</i> I delight, saith the LORD.	We must glory in God. Too many glory in themselves, men or things
25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all <i>them which are</i> circumcised with the uncircumcised; {punish: Heb. visit upon}	True Church members will be punished along with non-Church folk. And Israelites with non-Israelites
26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all <i>that are</i> in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all <i>these nations are</i> uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel <i>are</i> uncircumcised in the heart. {in the utmost...: Heb. cut off into corners, or, having the corners of their hair polled}	Gentile nations will also be punished