Bible Alive 365 – Day #237

Lam. 3:37-66, 4, 5

Lamentations 3:37-66 Who *is* he *that* saith, and it cometh to pass, *when* the Lord commandeth *it* not? **38** Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good? **39** Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? **40** Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. **41** Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens. **42** We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned. **43** Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. **44** Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through. **45** Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people. **46** All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. **47** Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction. **48** Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. **49** Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission, **50** Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven. **51** Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city. **52** Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. **53** They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. **54** Waters flowed over mine head; *then* I said, I am cut off. **55** I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon. **56** Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry. **57** Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not. **58** O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life. **59** O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause. **60** Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me. **61** Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me; **62** The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day. **63** Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I *am* their musick. **64** Render unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. **65** Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. **66** Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

Lamentations 4:1-22 How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. **2** The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! **3** Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. **4** The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto them. **5** They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills. **6** For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. **7** Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing *was* of sapphire: **8** Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. **9** *They that be* slain with the sword are better than *they that be* slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field. **10** The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people. **11** The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof. **12** The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have

believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. **13** For the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her, **14** They have wandered *as* blind *men* in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments. **15** They cried unto them, Depart ye; *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn *there.* **16** The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders. **17** As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* could not save *us.* **18** They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come. **19** Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. **20** The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen. **21** Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked. **22** The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

Lamentations 5:1-22 Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. **2** Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens. **3** We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows. **4** We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us. **5** Our necks *are* under persecution: we labour, *and* have no rest. **6** We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread. **7** Our fathers have sinned, *and are* not; and we have borne their iniquities. **8** Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand. **9** We gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness. **10** Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine. **11** They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah. **12** Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured. **13** They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood. **14** The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick. **15** The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning. **16** The crown is fallen *from* our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned! **17** For this our heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes are dim. **18** Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it. **19** Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation. **20** Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us so long time? **21** Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old. **22** But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.