

20. Did they have any joy in their hearts? _____

21. What had their dance turned into? _____

22. Write verse 16. _____

* Sin *always* brings woe. Psalm 137:1-4 paints a sad picture of God's people mourning in Babylon, where they were taken captive and their songs ceased: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

People who refuse God's offer of His Salvation, Jesus Christ, will one day be in hell. Their songs will become weeping. Hope and joy will be only a memory. Their dance will be one of endless mourning. Don't be one who reaps this horrific judgment! Lamentations is the mournful wail of a people who forsook God and reaped the terrible consequences.

Ezekiel 2:8-10 is a warning to all who rebel against God: "But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; **Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house**: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; and he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein *lamentations, and mourning, and woe.*"

23. Does the Lord remain forever, from one generation to the next? _____ * He is unlike any other earthly king, prime minister, pope, president, or leader. His kingdom stands alone as being an everlasting one! **KING JESUS** will never be replaced by another!

24. Write the fervent prayer of verse 21. _____

25. What had God done to His people? _____

26. How did He feel against them? _____ * Those who break the laws of their city or state may receive repeated warnings. But a policeman or a judge will not always remain lenient. His mercy will come to an end, and the criminal, who refuses to abide by the law, will receive his just sentence.

How foolish to defy God's laws by continually breaking them.

God will not break His Word.

Judgment will come to sinners.

The Lord will reject those who have rejected Him.

His anger will one day be poured out.

His salvation will no longer be available to those who have proudly spurned it.

And sadly, that will be the day - when it is too late - when every knee will bow and every tongue will finally acknowledge Jesus as LORD.

Everyone will want Jesus to be their Savior then - even those who scoffed at His very existence; blasphemed His name; turned others away from their faith; persecuted His people; and defied His commandments. Every single one of them will fall before Him, and acknowledge that He alone is **LORD** and He alone is **KING**!