

The Lament Of Jesus Over Jerusalem

Matt. 23:29-39

Introduction

- The double name – indicating intensity of feeling and emotion – the importance of what is being said.
 - 1 Kings 13:2 → **Altar**, Altar...
 - Lk. 10:41 → **Martha**, Martha
 - Luke 22:31 → **Simon**, Simon
 - Acts 9:4 → **Saul**, Saul
 - Matt. 23:37 → **Jerusalem**, Jerusalem
- Focus on 3 important things seen in these words:

“How Often I Have Longed...”

- The **willingness** of Jesus to save sinners.
 - The **focus** of His mission. (Lk. 19:10; Matt. 20:28)
 - We see that in His **conversations** with others. (Jn. 3,4)
 - In the ultimate manifestation of God’s **grace**, He gave His life to pay the price for our **sins**. (Heb. 2:9; II Cor. 5:21; Titus 2:11-12)
 - Even the **most** ungodly. (I Cor. 6:9-11; I Tim. 1:13-15; Lk. 23:34)
 - Those who are **lost** are not lost because God is not willing to save. (II Pet. 3:9)

“...As a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...”

- There is a **spiritual** realm, in which **salvation** is found. (Ps. 17:8-9; 91:4)
 - Salvation is in **Christ** alone. (Jn. 14:6; Eph. 1:3; Acts 4:12)
 - To be in Christ...
 - One has been **baptized** into Him. (Gal. 3:26-27)
 - Is to be in His spiritual body (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:4), the church (Eph. 1:22-23), the **body** of the **saved**. (Eph. 5:23)
 - Is to be in His kingdom. (Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9)
 - One must **continue** in His word. (Jn. 8:31-32; Acts 2:42; Js. 1:25)
 - Is to have the **hope** of eternal life. (Eph. 2:12; Col. 1:5)

“...But you would have none of it”

- No one is **saved** against their will.
 - Universalism is **false**. (Matt. 7:13-14; II Thess. 1:7-9)
 - **Unconditional** election is false. (Acts 10:34-35; II Pet. 3:9; Acts 7:51)
 - “Once saved, always saved is false. (I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 3:12)
- In order to be saved, the sinner must come to the Savior.
 - Matt. 11:28-30 → “Come unto me...”
 - Jn. 6:44-45 → Drawn through teaching, hearing and learning
 - Jn. 5:40 → ye will not **come** to me that ye might have **life**.
 - Lead astray by false teachers. (Matt. 15:13-14)
 - **Closed** minds. (Matt. 13:13-15)
 - Consumed by the material **things** of this life. (Lk. 12:15; I Tim. 6:10)