

Lamentations 3

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. **2** Me hath he led, and brought into darkness, and not into light. **3** Surely against me hath he turned again and again his hand all the day. **4** My flesh and my skin hath he wasted away, he hath broken my bones. **5** He hath built against me, and encompassed me with gall and toil. **6** He hath made me to dwell in dark places as those that have been long dead. **7** He hath hedged me about that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy. **8** Even when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. **9** He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked. **10** He is unto me as a bear lying in wait, a lion in secret places. **11** He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate. **12** He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. **13** He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. **14** I am become a derision to all my people; their song all the day. **15** He hath sated me with bitterness, he hath made me drunk with wormwood. **16** He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. **17** And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I have forgotten prosperity. **18** And I said, My strength is perished, and my hope in Jehovah. **19** Remember thou mine affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and the gall. **20** My soul hath them constantly in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

21 --This I recall to heart, therefore have I hope. **22** It is of Jehovah's loving-kindness we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not; **23** they are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. **24** Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. **25** Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. **26** It is good that one should both wait, and that in silence, for the salvation of Jehovah. **27** It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth: **28** He sitteth solitary and keepeth silence, because he hath laid it upon him; **29** he putteth his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope; **30** he giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him; he is filled full with reproach. **31** For the Lord will not cast off for ever; **32** but if he have caused grief, he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses: **33** for he doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. **34** To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth, **35** to turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High, **36** to wrong a man in his cause, --will not the Lord see it?

37 Who is he that saith, and there cometh to pass, what the Lord hath not commanded? **38** Out of the mouth of the Most High doth not there proceed 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 Jehovah. **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 thyself with anger, and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not spared. **44** Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that prayer should not pass through. **45** Thou hast made us the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples. **46** All our enemies have opened their mouth against us. **47** Fear and the pit are come upon us, devastation and ruin. **48** Mine eye runneth down with streams of water for the ruin of the daughter of my people. **49** Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission, **50** till Jehovah look down and behold from the heavens. **51** Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the daughters of my city. **52** They that are mine enemies without cause have chased me sore like a bird. **53** They have cut off my life in a pit, and cast a stone upon me. **54** Waters streamed over my head; I said, I am cut off.

55 I called upon thy name, Jehovah, out of the lowest pit. **56** Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my sighing, at my cry. **57** Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not. **58** Lord, thou hast pleaded the cause of my soul, thou hast redeemed my life. **59** Jehovah, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my

cause. **60** Thou hast seen all their vengeance, all their imaginations against me. **61** Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jehovah, all their imaginations against me; **62** the lips of those that rise up against me and their meditation against me all the day. **63** Behold thou their sitting down and their rising up: I am their song. **64** Render unto them a recompence, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands; **65** give them obduracy of heart, thy curse unto them; **66** pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Jehovah.