

III. Jehovah's Decrees

v 9 - 22, 25-26

- v 9 *the Lord ... be avenged on such a nation* - hx: Judah sp: the Church
- v 10-11 Rejecting God's Decrees brings desolation and lamentation in this life & the afterlife.
hx: **Lam 5:18** sp: **Luke 13:28**
- v 12 *Who is the wise man ? ~ 5:1* "Where is the wise man ?"
doct: There is no wisdom apart from God's Decrees = His word, **Heb 4:12**
- v 13 *my law ... I set before them = the truth upon the earth, (v3)* **Deu 30:11-14**
- v 14 *Baalim* - 1st ref, hx: **Judges 2:11** sp: modern perversions
('Lords') e.g. *Lord* - 7,888 x in AV1611 [removed 650x in NET]
- v 15 *wormwood* - 1st ref, hx: **Deuteronomy 29:18** doct: Rev 8:11
- v 16 This verse speaks of the "Dispersion" prophesied in **Leviticus 26:33**
hx: the Babylonian exile of 606 BC - for ignoring God's scriptures (the word)
doct: the destruction of Jerusalem, 70 AD - for rejecting God's Son (the Word)
- v 17-18 God calls them to *wailing for us* - Jesus did the same in **Luke 23:28-31**
- v 19 *because we have forsaken the land ... cast us out.* The historical reason the nation was punished was for breaking "*the sabbath of rest unto the land, for the Lord*" Leviticus 25:1-7.

IV. Jehovah's Delight

v 23-24

- v 23 The best of men still *come (far) short of the glory of God,* (Romans 3:23).
Man is frail by nature; and to *glory is his wisdom, might or riches* is foolishness.
Therefore God rarely calls such into the ministry. 1 Corinthians 1:26
The Bible warns us against the glory of man in his first birth. **Isaiah 5:14** **1 Pet 1:24**
- v 24 the Key: *he understandeth and knoweth me ... I am the Lord*
the truth: **Jeremiah 4:2** **Exodus 6:6-8** **Deuteronomy 33:26-29**
Psalms 34:8, 18 & 22