

The Weeping Woman

2 Esdras 9:26 – 10:59

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The Lord sent Ezra to lie down in a field of wild flowers. Ezra spoke to the Almighty, "Lord, when a seed is buried in the ground and dies, the seed and all its potential are lost. Not so with your Word. You planted the seed of your Word in the hearts of your people. Yet when they sinned, your Word continued on. It was the potential of your people that was lost. Your Word is eternal."

A vision came to Ezra – a woman weeping. "For many years," she said, "my husband and I were unable to have a child. Then the Lord blessed us with a son. We raised him right. Then on his wedding night, when he went into the bedroom to be with his wife, he dropped dead."

Ezra took pity on the woman and tried to comfort her. Suddenly her face shone with a bright light; she screamed; and the whole earth shook. The woman was gone, and in her place was a city being built on a very large foundation.

The angel Uriel explained, "The woman and the city both represent Jerusalem. The woman's barrenness is the many years that passed without sacrifice being offered in Jerusalem. The birth of her son is when Solomon built the Temple and the sacrificial system was instituted. The raising of her son is Jerusalem filled with people. The death of her son is the fall of Jerusalem."

The angel gave Ezra instructions. He got up and walked into his vision. He made his way from place to place, taking in all the sights and sounds of the city. He stayed within his vision of Jerusalem for two days and two nights.