

TARGUM LAMENTATIONS 2:20

Translated from the text provided in Paul de Lagarde, ed., *Hagiographia chaldaice* (Leipzig: B. G. Teubner, 1873), 174.22-27.

[Lamenting Israel said:] ‘O Lord, look and see from the heavens the one whom you have treated like this! Is it right that the daughters of Israel should eat the fruits of their wombs? Precious infants whom they swaddled in sheets of fine wool?’ God’s attribute of judgment (מדת דינא) responded and spoke thusly: ‘Is it right to murder a priest and a prophet in the Temple of the Lord like the way you murdered the high priest and faithful prophet Zechariah bar ‘Iddo in the Temple of the Lord on the Day of Atonement (simply) because he rebuked you so you would not act wickedly in the Lord’s Presence??!’