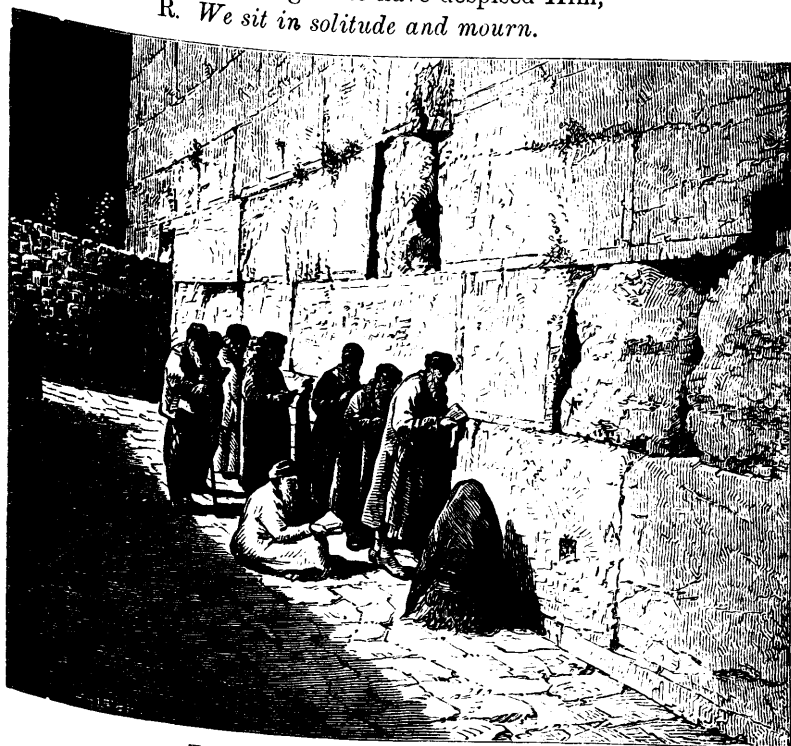


R. *We sit in solitude and mourn.*
 For our majesty that is departed,
 R. *We sit in solitude and mourn.*
 For the priests who have stumbled,
 R. *We sit in solitude and mourn.*
 For our kings who have despised Him,
 R. *We sit in solitude and mourn.*



THE JEWS' PLACE OF WAILING, JERUSALEM.

"The keynote of all these laments and prayers," continues Dr. Schaff, "was struck by Jeremiah, the most pathetic and tender-hearted of the prophets, in the Lamentations—that funeral dirge of Jerusalem and the theocracy. This elegy, written with sighs and tears, has done its work most effectually in great public calamities, and is doing it every year on the ninth of the month of Ab (July), when it is read with loud weeping in all the synagogues of the Jews, and especially at Jerusalem. It keeps alive the memory of their deepest humiliation and guilt, and the hope of final deliverance. God has no doubt reserved