



THE

LAMENTATIONS

JEREMIAH



Lamentations

- The Prophet's Mandate (Je 1)
- The Prophet's Messages (Je 2-51)
- The Prophet's Misery (Je 52 + Lam)
 - The Facts of History (Je 52)
 - The Feelings of his Heart (Lam)
 - Jerusalem's wretchedness (1,5)
 - Jerusalem's wrath (2,4)
 - Jerusalem's woe (3)

Lamentations

- By the “weeping prophet”...
- 5 Poems...
- *“Above the clouds of the poet’s weeping over the sins of his people, God’s sun is shining...”*
- Light breaks through in La 3:22-27

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- Means “to cry aloud...”
- Part of the “Rolls” – which were publicly read at festivals
 - Passover: Song of Songs
 - Pentecost: Ruth
 - Tabernacles: Ecclesiastes
 - Purim: Esther
 - Destruction of Jerusalem: Lamentations

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- Jeremiah's Grief (3)
- Jehovah's Anger (4)
- Jerusalem's Prayer (5)

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The Admonition

1. Wait patiently for the Lord to respond (3:25-26)
2. Accept the Lord's discipline (3:27-30,34-39)
3. Repent of your sin (3:40-42)

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1. Catastrophe – “she” (1)
2. Cause – “He” (2)
3. Cure – “I” (3)
4. Consequences – “They” (4)
5. Cry – “We” (5)

1. Catastrophe – “she” (1), the Daughter (the youth, the church) is Destroyed, Devastated, Down in the dirt, Depressed, Deeply wounded, Defiled, Dying...
2. Cause – “He” (2), the Lord, allowed the young people and parents to reap what they have sown, according to His spiritual laws...
3. Cure – “I” (3), the prophet, the faithful Christian’s Agony, Afflictions, Assurance, Admonition...
4. Consequences – “They” (4), the people of God, are in need...
5. Cry – “We” (5), as prophet & people of God, cry out + repent!

Lamentations in One Verse!

Lam 1:20b

“OUTSIDE the house
the sword bereaves,
at home (INSIDE)
there is [*famine, pestilence*] death!”

What-to-do?!

- “Yet, God...!” (Lam 3:19-29)
- “Return... Repent!” (3:40-42)
- “Rise up! ...Pray!” (2:18,19)