

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of Lamentations

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- ◉ Who wrote it?
 - Unknown, but probably Jeremiah
 - 2 Chron. 35:25 proves Jeremiah was a writer of laments.

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- ◎ **Timing of Events:**

- **586 B.C., shortly after the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians.**
- **Lamentations describes the funeral of a city.**

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 - ◉ The Need for Restoration and Repentance

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - A despairing poem about the destruction of Jerusalem.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** called upon to have pity on Jerusalem
- **Jerusalem:** depicted as a queen who becomes a slave; the daughter of Zion
- **The people of Sodom:** their punishment is described as being less than Jerusalem's woes
- **The prophets and priests:** their sins are the cause of Jerusalem's destruction
- **The daughters of Zion:** the Lord will end their troubles
- **The daughters of Edom:** their role in Jerusalem's fall means their troubles will never end

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Lamentations shows God's wrath poured out on the city He loves just as His wrath was later poured out on His beloved Son. Lamentations 1:12 has often been used of Christ as He suffered on the cross.

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Lamentations includes numerous alphabetic acrostics. Each poem begins with the Hebrew letter A (Aleph) and then proceeds through the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet in each verse. Jeremiah literally weeps from A to Z.
- Chapter 3 is an acrostic where the first letter of every 3 verses is the same.

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- What is my take away?
 - The bible speaks concerning the chastening of the Lord.
 - Heb. 12:5-6 (Quoted from Prov. 3:11-12)
 - See also Heb. 12:7-11
 - Verse 11 says *“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*

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◎ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters in Ezekiel daily this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses daily.