

# LAMENTATIONS

	Jerusalem's Desolation  CHAPTER 1	The Lord's Anger  CHAPTER 2	Jeremiah's Grief  CHAPTER 3	The Lord's Anger <i>The Siege of Jerusalem</i> CHAPTER 4	Jeremiah's Prayer  CHAPTER 5
Underlying Emotion	Lonely, groaning	Angry, exhorting	Broken, weeping	Desperate, anguished	Weary, pleading
Key Verses	1:1, 5	2:14, 17	3:16-24	4:11-12	5:5, 19-22
Short Prayers	1:20-22 "See us!"	2:20-22 "Look at us!"	3:55-66 "Judge them!"	4:20 "Avenge us!"	5:21 "Restore us!"
Main Theme	Mourning over sin; the severity of God's judgment; hope in His mercy				
Christ in Lamentations	Jesus, like Jeremiah, wept over the sins of Jerusalem (Matt. 23:27-38; Luke 13:34-35).				

# Lamentations – The Broken-Hearted Prophet

## I. The Faithful God and the Fallen City: (1:1–22).

- a. The Suffering of Jerusalem (1:1–11).
- b. A Cry for Sympathetic Understanding (1:12–22).

## II. The Sovereign God and His Suffering People: (2:1–22).

- a. The Mystery of Suffering (2:1–10).
- b. God's Purpose and Power (2:11–17).
- c. God's Judgment and Mercy (2:18–22).

## III. The Comforting God and His Afflicted People: (3:1–66).

- a. A Personal Participation in Affliction (3:1–21).
- b. A Corporate Anticipation of Hope (3:22–39).
- c. A Corporate Admission of Guilt (3:40–54).
- d. A Prayerful Affirmation of Assurance (3:55–66).

## IV. The Compassionate God and His Corrupted People: (4:1–22).

- a. A Picture of Destruction (4:1–12).
- b. A Misguided Nation Corrupted by Sin (4:13–20).
- c. The Condemnation of Edom (4:21).
- d. Divine Comfort for Zion (4:22).

## V. The Eternal God and His Praying People: (5:1–22).

- a. An Occasion for Prayer (5:1–15).
- b. A Prayer of Confession (5:16–18).
- c. A Prayer of Confidence (5:19).
- d. A Prayer of Inquiry (5:20).
- e. A Prayer of Petition (5:21, 22).