

## *Lamentations ~ Chapters 1 & 2*

### **Research Questions:**

1. Who wrote Lamentations?
2. When was it written?
3. What does it mean to lament?

### **Chapter Questions:**

1. Who is Jerusalem portrayed as in chapter one?
2. Who were Jerusalem's lovers and friends? (1:2)
3. Why did the LORD afflict Jerusalem in this manner? (1:1-5)
4. Who is speaking in verses 12-22? (1:12-22)
5. What did the LORD turn away from and destroy because of His fierce anger? (2:1-9)
6. Why was Jerusalem called "the joy of the whole earth", see Ps 48:2 & 50:2? (2:15)
7. How did the destruction of Jerusalem fulfill God's word from old? (2:17)

### **Thought Questions:**

1. What do these prophetic laments over Jerusalem teach us about God, judgment, hope or anything else you can think of?

## *Lamentations ~ Chapter 3*

### **Research Questions:**

1. Why did God make Jeremiah suffer such terrible affliction? (3:1-18)

### **Chapter Questions:**

1. What was the rod of God's wrath that caused the affliction Jeremiah saw? (3:1)
2. Why had Jeremiah's strength and hope perished? (3:18)
3. What restored Jeremiah's hope? (3:21)
4. How do we wait for the LORD and His salvation? (3:25-26)
5. What does it mean to bear the yoke in one's youth? Why is it good? (3:27-33)
6. Why does woe and well-being both come from God? (3:38-45)
7. What was the LORD's answer when Jeremiah called upon Him? (3:55-57)

### **Thought Questions:**

1. What does Jeremiah's emotional turbulence teach us?

## *Lamentations ~ Chapter 4*

### **Chapter Questions:**

1. What happened to the gold and stones of the sanctuary? (4:2)
2. How were the people of Judah like ostriches and not like jackals? (4:3)
3. What were the once rich and pampered people doing to survive during the destruction of Jerusalem? (4:5)
4. Why were those who died by the sword better off than the rest? (4:9)
5. What had the once compassionate women been brought to? (4:10)
6. Why did people not believe the enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem? (4:12)
7. What did God hold against the prophets and priests of Judah? (4:13-16)
8. Who was the anointed of the LORD mentioned in verse 20? (4:20)
9. What did Jeremiah mean that Edom should “rejoice and be glad”? (4:21-22)

### **Thought Questions:**

1. What lessons can we take from the unimaginable horror that happened in Jerusalem during the Babylonian destruction?

## *Lamentations ~ Chapter 5*

### **Chapter Questions:**

1. Why does Jeremiah ask God to look at what His people have become? (5:1)
2. What happened to the survivors of the Babylonians siege of Jerusalem? (5:2-14)
3. How were they bearing the sins of their fathers who were dead? (5:7)
4. What does it mean that the crown had fallen from their head? (5:16)
5. Why is it important to understand why God is on His throne in every generation? (5:19)
6. Will God turn back His people if they choose not to turn back to Him? (5:21)
7. Had God utterly rejected His people? (5:22)

### **Thought Questions:**

1. Why did the people still have hope even though they had lost every physical blessing they had ever had?