



LAMENTATIONS
OF
JEREMIAH

Lamentations 3:21

THE HORRORS WITNESSED

- The city is lies abandoned in smoking ruins (Lam. 1:1; 5:18).
- Judah (Israel) has once again become a people of slavery (Lam. 1:3; 5:6, 13).
- He watched as everyone suffered from the smallest to the greatest (Lam. 2:11-12; 4:3-4).
- There was even the horror of cannibalism (Lam. 2:20; 4:10).
- All he sees are bodies everywhere (Lam. 2:21-22; 4:1).

THE FAITHFUL SUFFERER

- Jeremiah has had to watch all of this as a faithful servant (Lam. 3:1-2).
- He is faithful as he recounts the reasons behind what is happening (Lam. 2:18; 4:6).
- He is faithful to God's faithfulness (Lam. 3:17-24).
- He was a silent sufferer (Lam. 3:26-31).

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His compassions
fail not (3:21-32).

God has afflicted
(3:1-20).

Zion cried out
(2:13-22).

All suffer
(2:9-12).

God's wrath
(2:1-8).

Zion is betrayed
(1:12-22).

Zion is destroyed
(1:1-11).

God afflicts
(3:33-39).

Jeremiah cries out
(3:40-66).

All suffer
(4:1-10).

God's wrath
(4:11-16).

Zion is betrayed
(4:17-22).

Zion is destroyed
(5:1-22).

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- But notice rays of hope after the climax (Lam. 3:22; 4:11, 22; 5:1, 19-22).
- Even as we are overwhelmed with emotion, there is a place for carefully collecting our thoughts.