

## COMMENTARY

### LAMENTATIONS

#### Lamentations 1

This passage begins the poem of sorrow that Jeremiah delivers for the city of Jerusalem. They had been warned for years to repent of their sin and to live for God, but they had refused. Now, God had allowed their enemies to destroy and level the city. The allies that Jerusalem had depended on, failed to come to their aid.

#### Lamentations 2

Jeremiah begins this section by emphasizing the wrath of God upon the city of Jerusalem. All of the embarrassment, desolation and sorrow are the result of their sin.

#### Lamentations 3

Jeremiah focuses in on the pain and frustration that is being experienced due to the fall of Jerusalem. Even though it would appear that God had left, Jeremiah knew that God would restore His people and would always care for them, no matter how hopeless it all seemed.

#### Lamentations 4

Jeremiah contrasts the one-time glory of Jerusalem and her people, with the present situation that had come upon them because of God's wrath on account of their sin.

Once again, hope is extended that their present state will be reversed and God will once again bless His people. Judgement, however, is being reserved for Edom (one of Jerusalem's enemies).

#### Lamentations 5

Jeremiah prays that God will look down upon the condition of His people and will once again restore them.

## STUDY GUIDE

### LAMENTATIONS 1

1. What happened to Jerusalem's friends? (vs. 2)
2. Why did the Lord bring such grief upon them? (vs. 5)
3. What had the Lord done? (vs. 14)

### LAMENTATIONS 2

1. What has the Lord done? (vs. 2)
2. What else has the Lord allowed to happen? (vs. 5-7)
3. What had the prophets done? (vs. 14)
4. What has happened to the people? (vs. 20-21)

### LAMENTATIONS 3

1. What was Jeremiah facing? (vs. 5)
2. What never fails? (vs. 22)
3. What had the Lord done for Jeremiah? (vs. 58)

### LAMENTATIONS 4

1. How were people dying? (vs. 9-10)
2. What will happen to Zion? (vs. 22)

### LAMENTATIONS 5

1. What had happened to the land and homes? (VS. 2)
2. What is forever? (vs. 19)
3. What was Jeremiah's plea? (vs. 21)