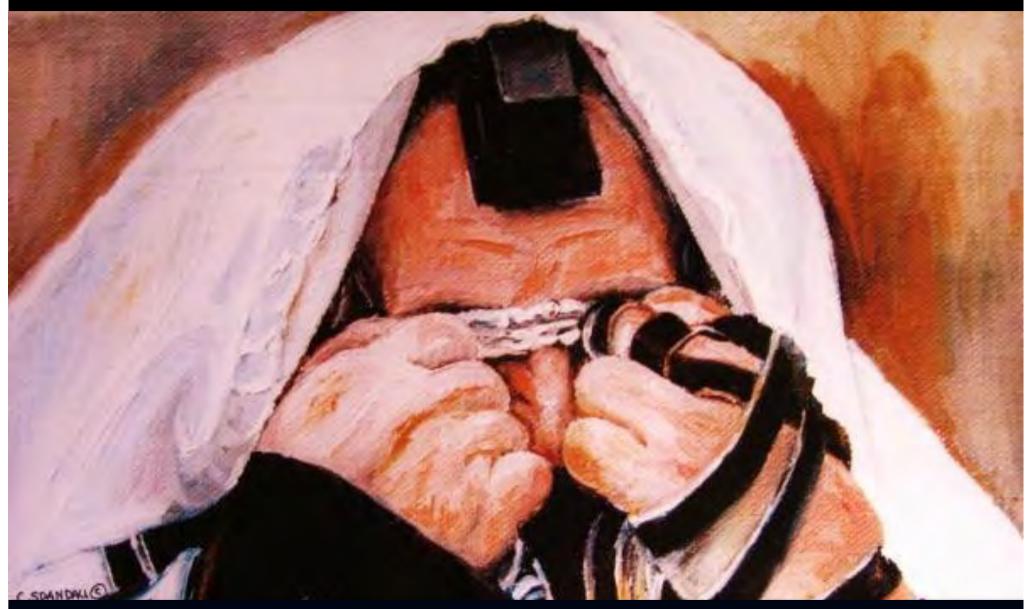
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Confession

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Theme

Emotions of and Reasons for the Fall

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Key Verse

"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (3:22-23).

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Kingdom Statement

Jeremiah tells of the siege and reasons for Jerusalem's fall (1–4) as a model of confession for the nation to be restored under God's rule (5).

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Summary Statement

Jeremiah expresses in deeply emotional terms the siege conditions and reasons God caused the fall of Jerusalem as a model of national confession that the remnant would repent and trust God for his restoration.

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Covenant

Even while destroying Jerusalem for its sin (1:1–2:22), God was faithful to his covenant to Abraham by not permanently ending Judah despite it being deserved (3:22-23).

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Redemption

Times of distress should motivate patience for God's salvation (3:26) rather than deliverance by man (4:17).

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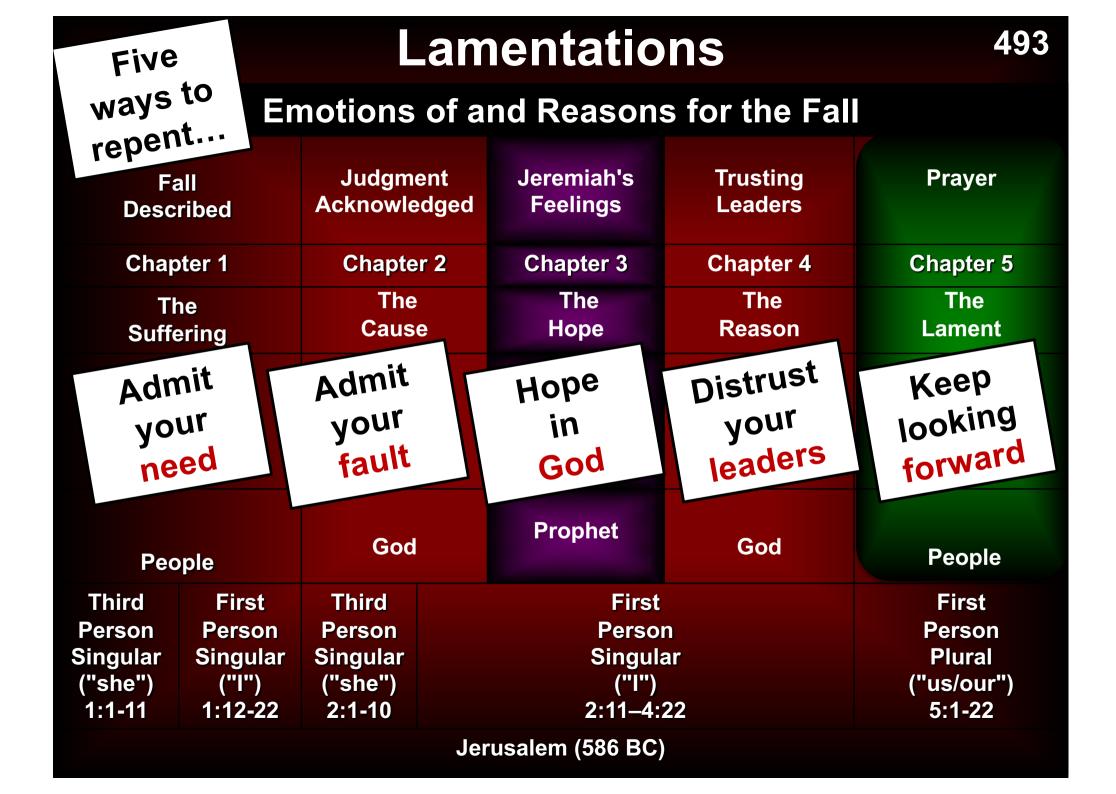
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Messiah

Jeremiah identified with Jerusalem's distress (1:12; 3:19) and was despised by his enemies (2:15-16; 3:14, 30) though innocent of sin as a type of Christ who also wept over the city's plight while personally bearing its pain (Matt. 23:37-38).

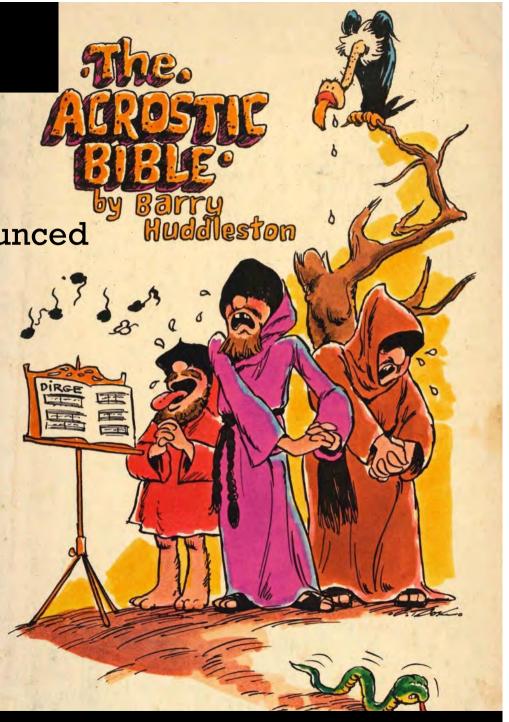
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- 1 **D**esolation of Jerusalem announced
- 2 Israel's misery is lamented
- 3 Reminder of God's mercy
- 4 **G**rimness of Israel's sin
- 5 **E**xiles pray for Mercy



Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

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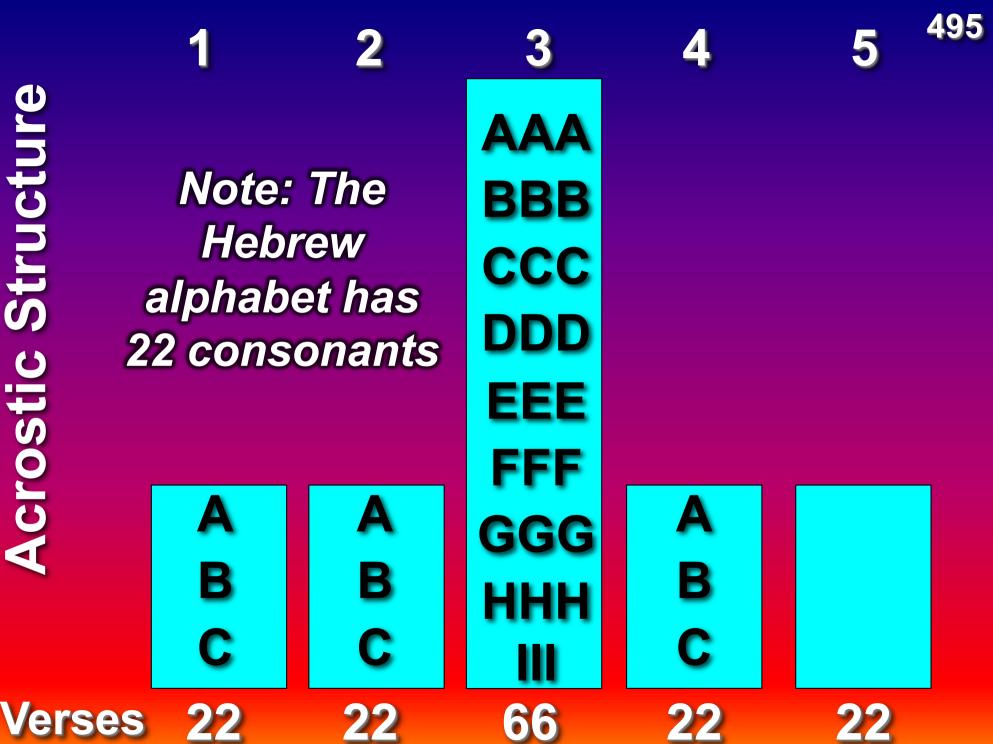
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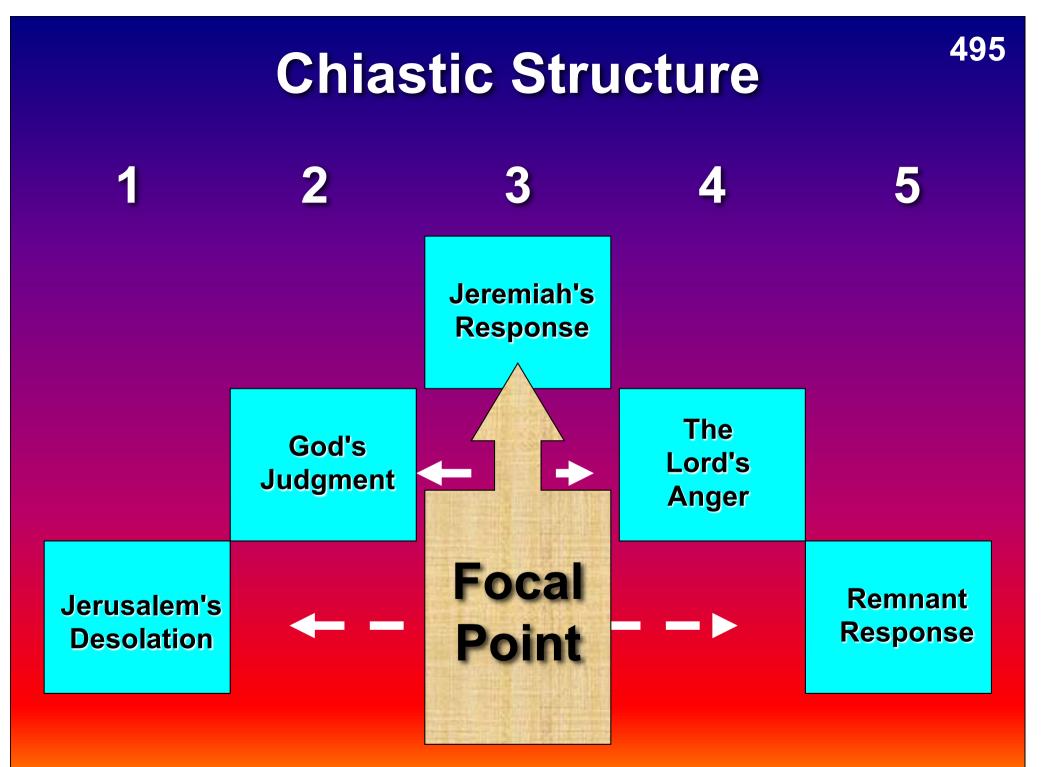
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Looking Back (Mourning)

—The Daily Walk





"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. ²⁰I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. ²¹Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²²Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him" (3:19-24 NLT). Lamentations

Main Idea

Be repentant over your sin by changing your mind to view sin as God does.

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Application

Beware lest you think you stand and begin to take God's grace for granted.

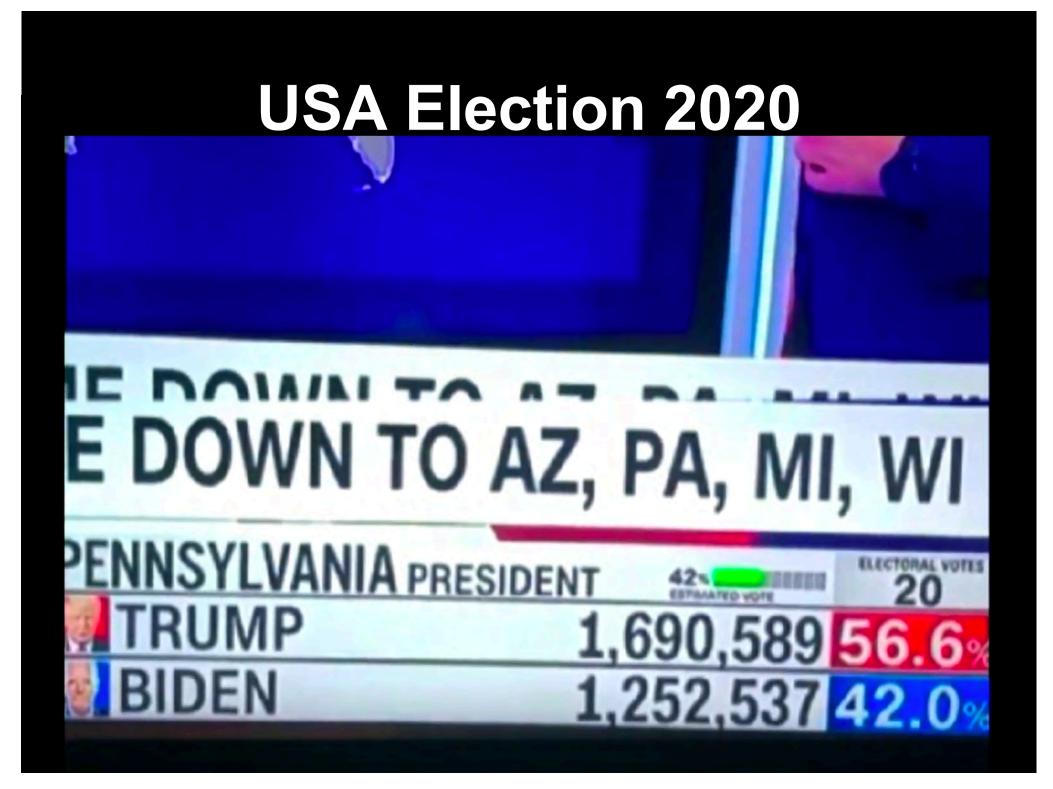
When we are punished by God, our only hope lies in turning to our "Enemy" (Huang Sabin)

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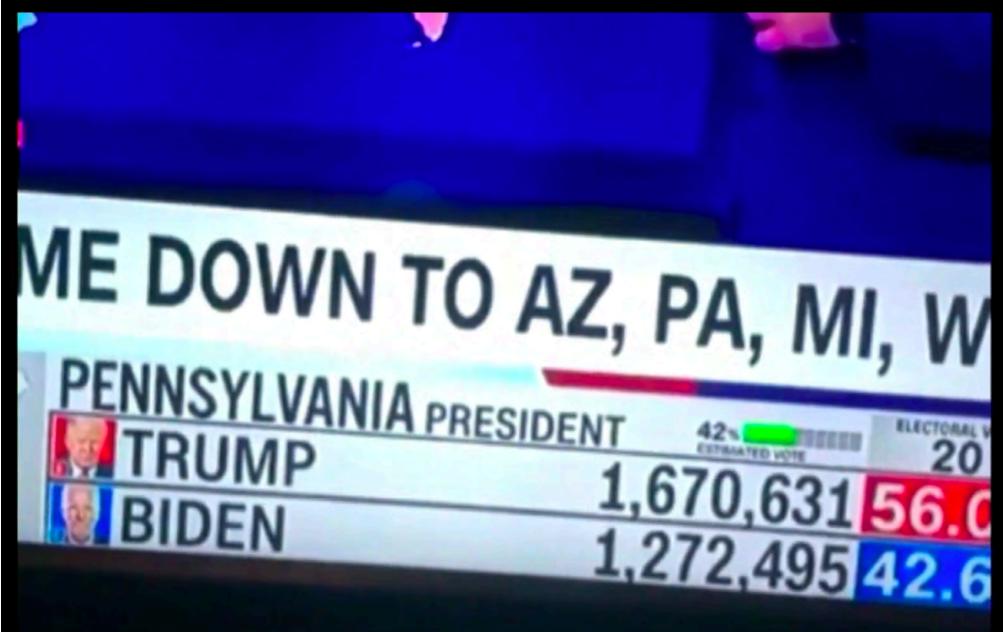
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2 Kings 25:8-12

On the seventh day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard, an official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He set fire to the temple of the LORD, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down. The whole Babylonian army, under the commander of the imperial guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard carried into exile the people who remained in the city, along with the rest of the populace and those who had gone over to the king of Babylon. But the commander left behind some of the poorest people of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2. Zedekiah and his troops flee and are captured

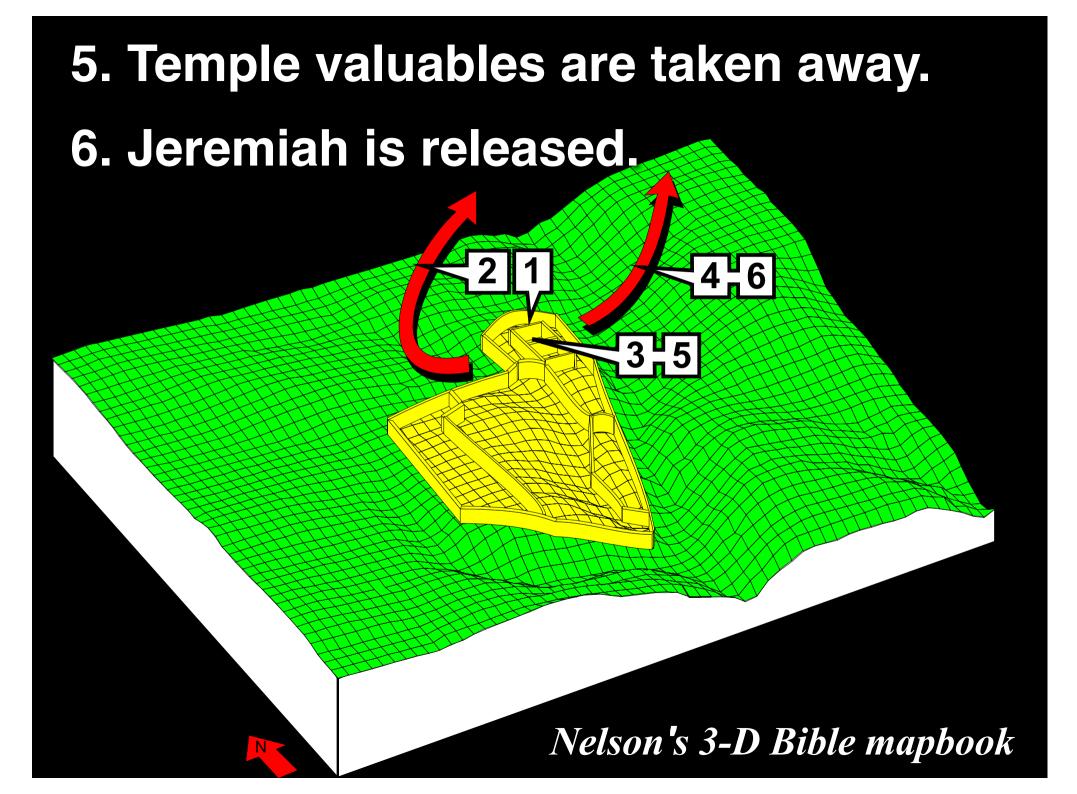
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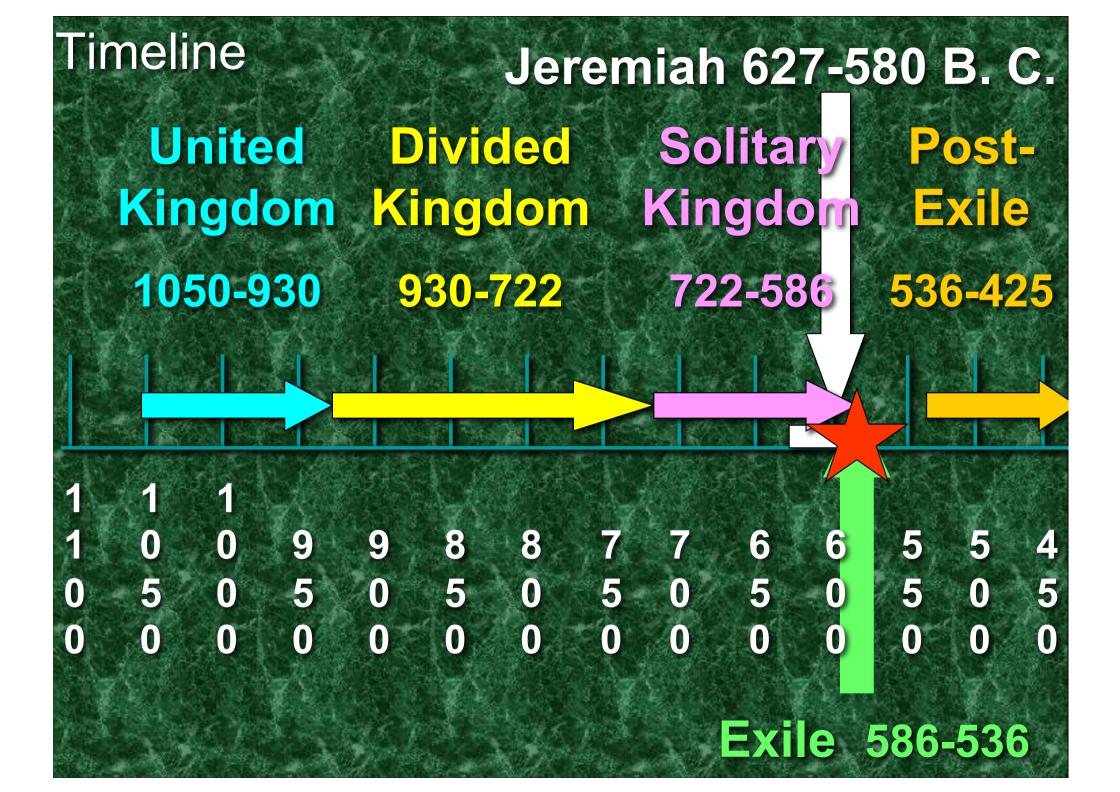
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Style and Vocabulary
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Unknown?

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Modern scholars
Solidarity
Permits Wider Audience?

"The prophet Jeremiah composed funeral songs for Josiah, and to this day choirs still sing these sad songs about his death. These songs of sorrow have become a tradition and are recorded in *The Book of Laments*" (2 Chron 35:25 NLT).

Purpose

- Expression of grief
- Confession of sin
- Remembrance of causes of judgment & God's faithfulness

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Structure Options

	Hillers	NIVSB	Griffith
1	Is there any pain like my pain?	Jerusalem's Misery and Desolation	Fall Described
2	The Lord has become like an enemy	The Lord's Anger Against His People	Judgment Acknowledged
3	Every man	Judah's Complaint – and the Basis for Consolation	Jeremiah's Feelings
4	The limit of suffering	Contrast between Zion's past and Present	Trusting Leaders
5	Prayer	Judah's Appeal for God's Forgiveness	Prayer

Structure

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Multiple Acrostics & Chiastic in Structure:

Chapters 1–2 and 4–5 have 22 verses each

Chapters 1–4 are all acrostics

Chapter 3 is a triple acrostic of 66 verses.

Structure

C. Lamentations is also the only book in Scripture whose basic structure forms an acrostic. All chapters (except chapter 3) have 22 verses, each beginning with successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet (except chapter 5). Chapter 3 has 66 verses with each letter being repeated three times. The pattern may be this way for easy memorization or to emphasize to the readers the complete nature of their suffering because of sin (Dyer, *BKC*, 1:1211).

Verse	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
1	(=A) א	N	х	х	not
2	⊐ (=B)	2	×	2	acrostically
3	1 (="C")	2	- 8	2	arranged
4	¬ (=D)	7	2	7	U
5	π (etc.)	Π	2	Π	
6	1 (etc.)	1	2	1	
etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	
# of Verse	s 22	22	66	22	22
# of Lines	66	66	66	44	22
Lines/stanz	za 3	3	1	2	1

Chapter 5 is not an acrostic, but it does have a "mini-acrostic." Verses 19-20 are composed of four lines starting with the letters A, K, L, and "Z," respectively (i.e., \aleph , \beth , ϑ , and π). The effect is to express the highest praise for Yahweh followed by the last two verses of the book which contain a tentative, hopeful cry for help (Homer Heater, Jr., "Structure and Meaning in Lamentations," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 149 [July-September 1992]: 304-15).

Traditional Use

- 9th of Ab Destructions of Jerusalem (586 BC & AD 70)
- Bar Kochba Loss at Betar (AD 135)
- Spain's Expulsion of Jews (AD 1492)
- Wailing Wall
- Catholic Communion





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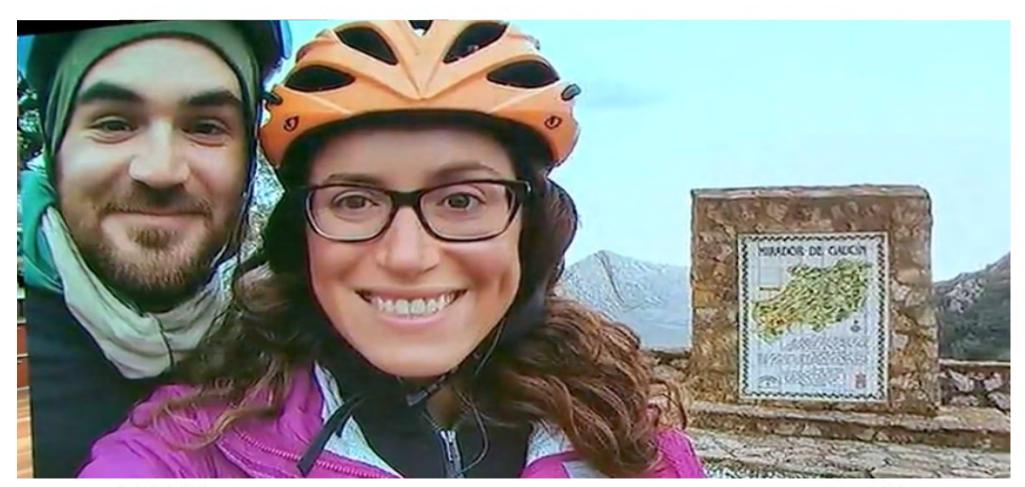
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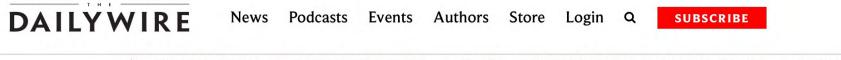
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...You watch the news and you read the papers and you're led to believe that the world is a big, scary place. People, the narrative goes, are not to be trusted. People are bad. People are evil. People are axe I don't buy it. Evil is a make-believe concept we've invented to deal with murderers and monsters and worse. the complexities of fellow humans holding values and beliefs and perspectives different than our own—it's easier to dismiss an opinion as abhorrent than strive to understand it. Badness exists, sure, but even that's quite rare. By and large, humans are kind. Self-interested sometimes, myopic sometimes, but kind. Generous and wonderful and kind. No greater revelation has come from our journey than this. —June 2017 Jay Austin blog entry in Morocco



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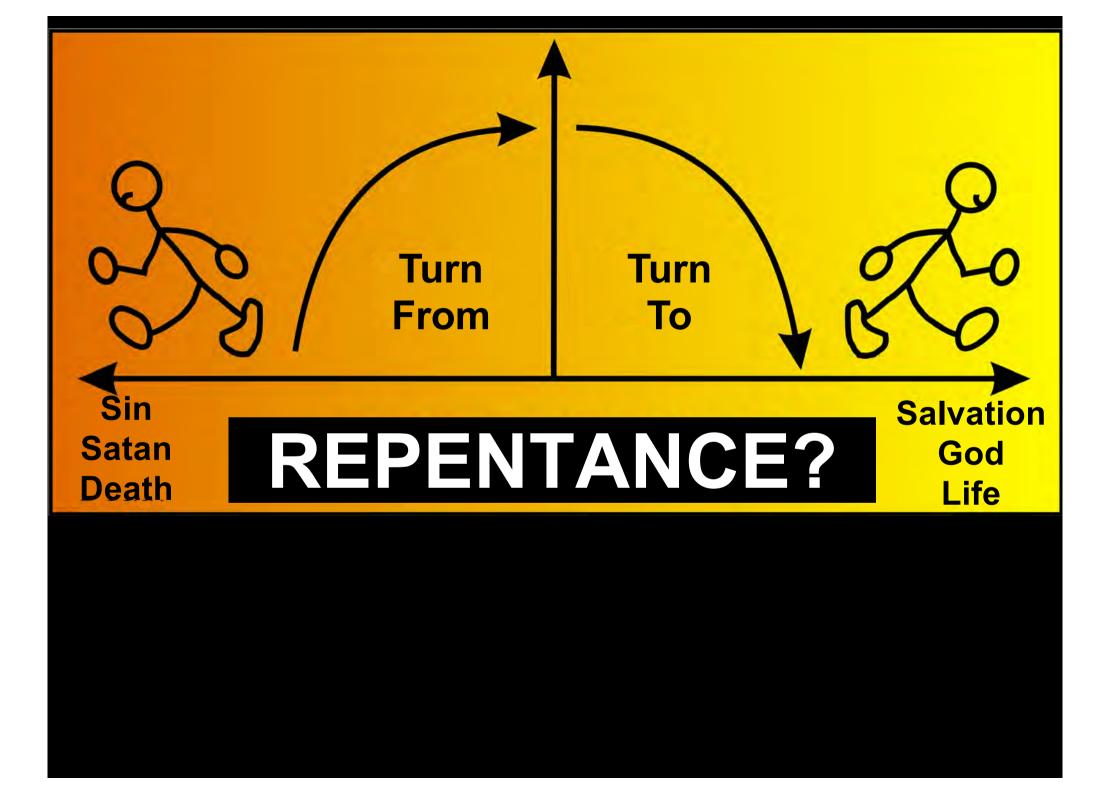


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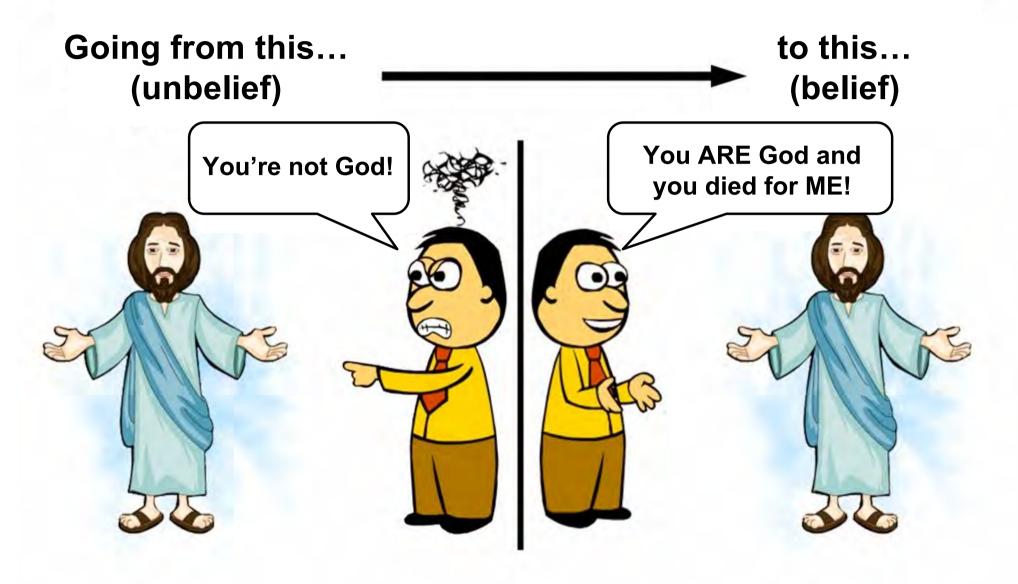


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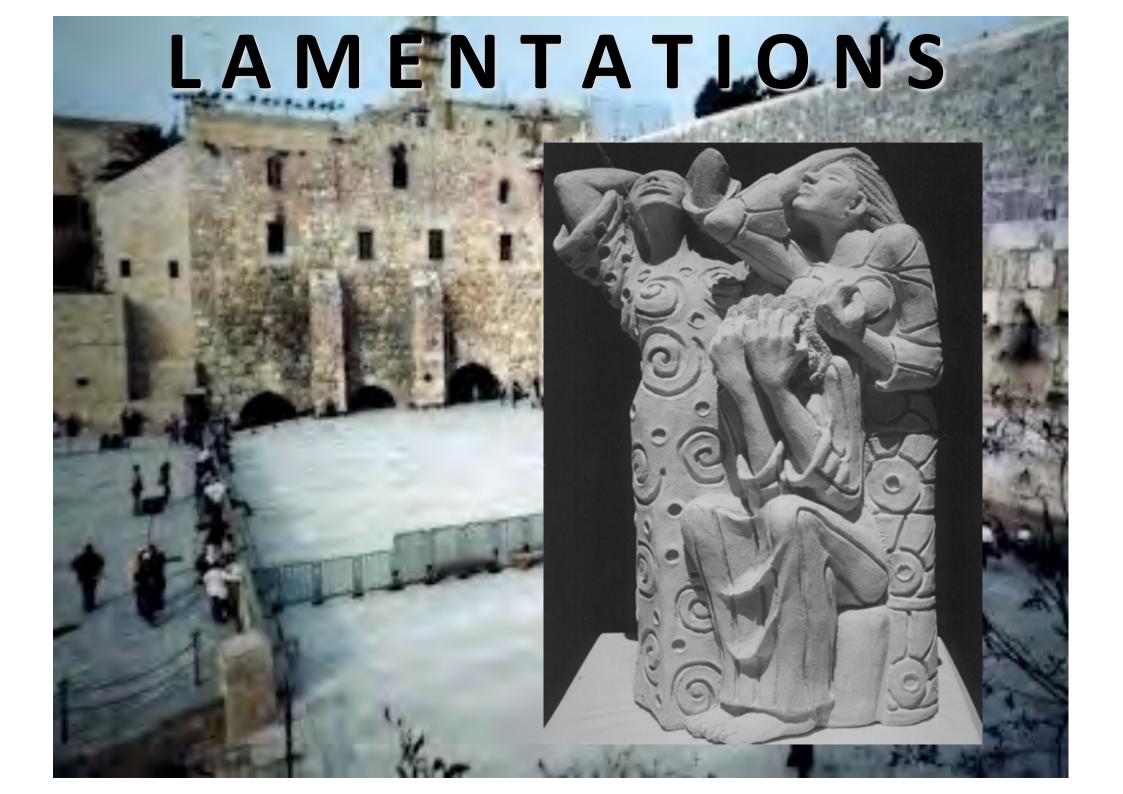
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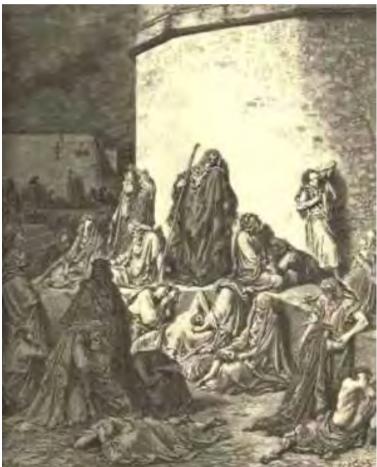
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Historical Background

- Directly after Jerusalem's destruction in 586 BC
- Davidic King the Lord's anointed deposed and exiled
- > All but poorest exiled
- Temple desecrated and burned
- Perspective needed



Genre

Kings

- Concrete details
- > Facts

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- vivid sensory imagery
- > dates and names lacking
- > no sequential ordering
- > verse not prose
- > no names for the slain
- > no private grief shown



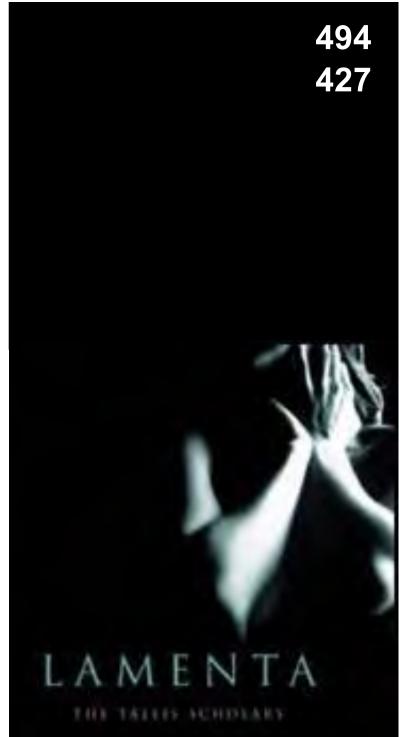
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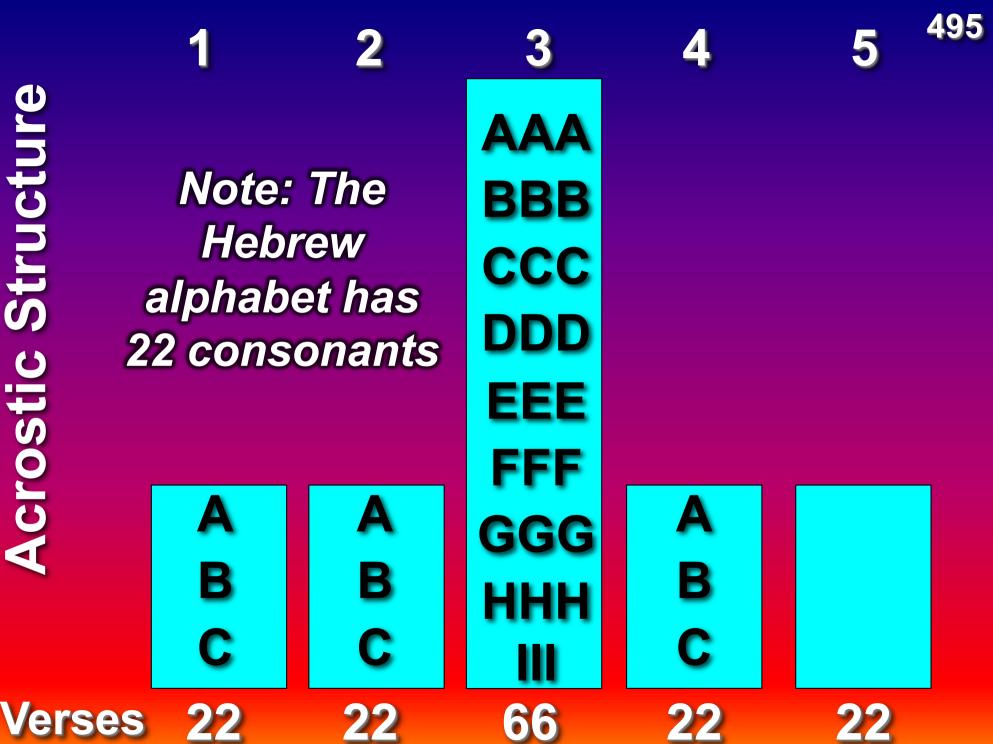
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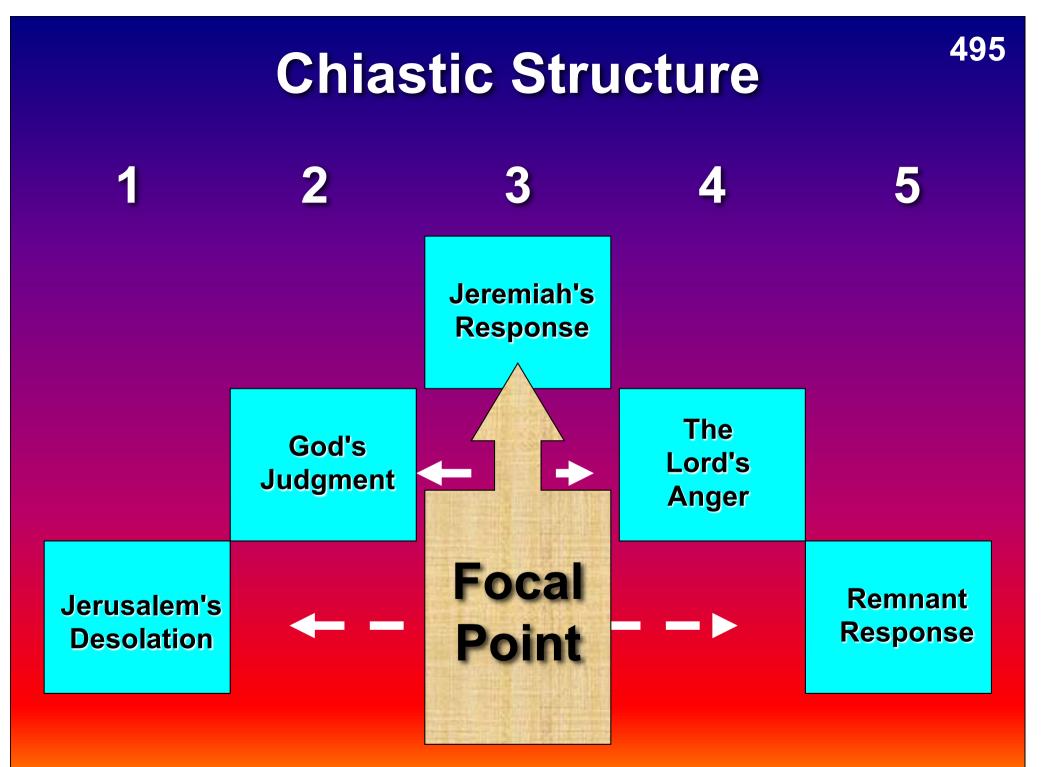
- Heb: "eka"
- Eng: "How terrible! Alas!"

Five Scrolls Feast Read:

- 1. Lamentations 9th of Ab
- 2. Ruth Pentecost
- 3. Ecclesiastes Tabernacles
- 4. Song of Songs Passover
- 5. Esther Purim







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3 Line Acrostic (22 verses)		3 Line Acrostic (22 verses)		1 Line Acrostic (66 verses)2 Line Acrostic (22 verses)		1 Line Not Acrostic (22 verses)
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[Alas!] How deserted lies the city, = "A" once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night,
 "B" tears are upon her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. **Coming] after affliction and harsh labor,** Judah has gone into exile. = "C" She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress" (Lamentations 1:1-3 NIV adapted).



"The roads to Jerusalem are in mourning, for crowds no longer come to celebrate the festivals. The city gates are silent, her priests groan, her young women are cryinghow bitter is her fate!" (Lam 1:4 NLT).

"Her oppressors have become her masters. and her enemies prosper, for the LORD has punished Jerusalem for her many sins. Her children have been captured and taken away to distant lands" (Lam 1:5 NLT).

"All the majesty of beautiful Jerusalem has been stripped away. Her princes are like starving deer searching for pasture. They are too weak to run from the pursuing enemy" (Lam 1:6 NLT).



Parallels between Lamentations and Deuteronomy

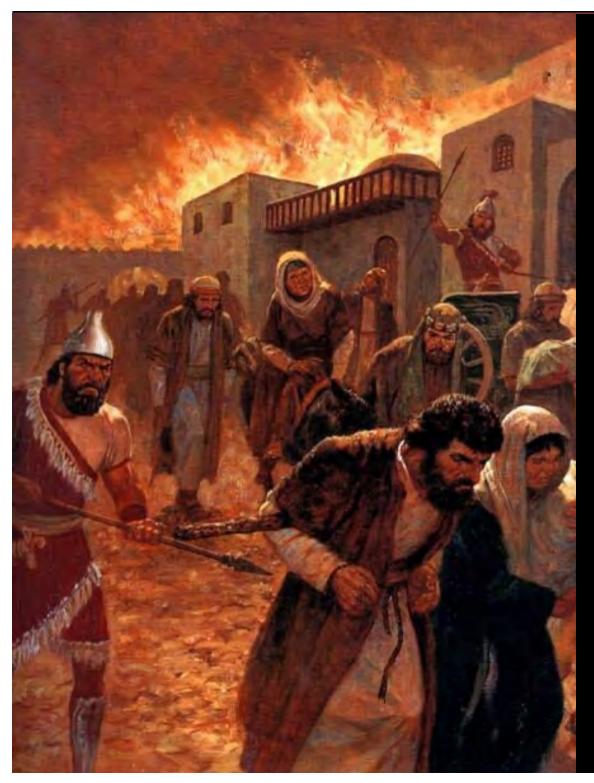
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1:3	She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.	28:65	Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot.	
1:5	Her foes have become her masters.	28:44	He will be the head, but you will be the tail.	
1:5	Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.	28:32	Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation.	
1:6	In weakness they have fled before the pursuer.	28:25	The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven.	
1:18	My young men and maidens have gone into exile.	28:41	You will have sons and daughters but you will not keep them, because they will go into captivity.	
Bible Knowledge Commentary, 1:1209				

"In the days of her affliction and wandering Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old. When her people fell into enemy hands, there was no one to help her. Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction" (Lam 1:7 NLT).



"Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean. All who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns away" (Lam 1:8 NLT).

"Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future. Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her. 'Look, O LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed"" (Lam 1:9 NLT).



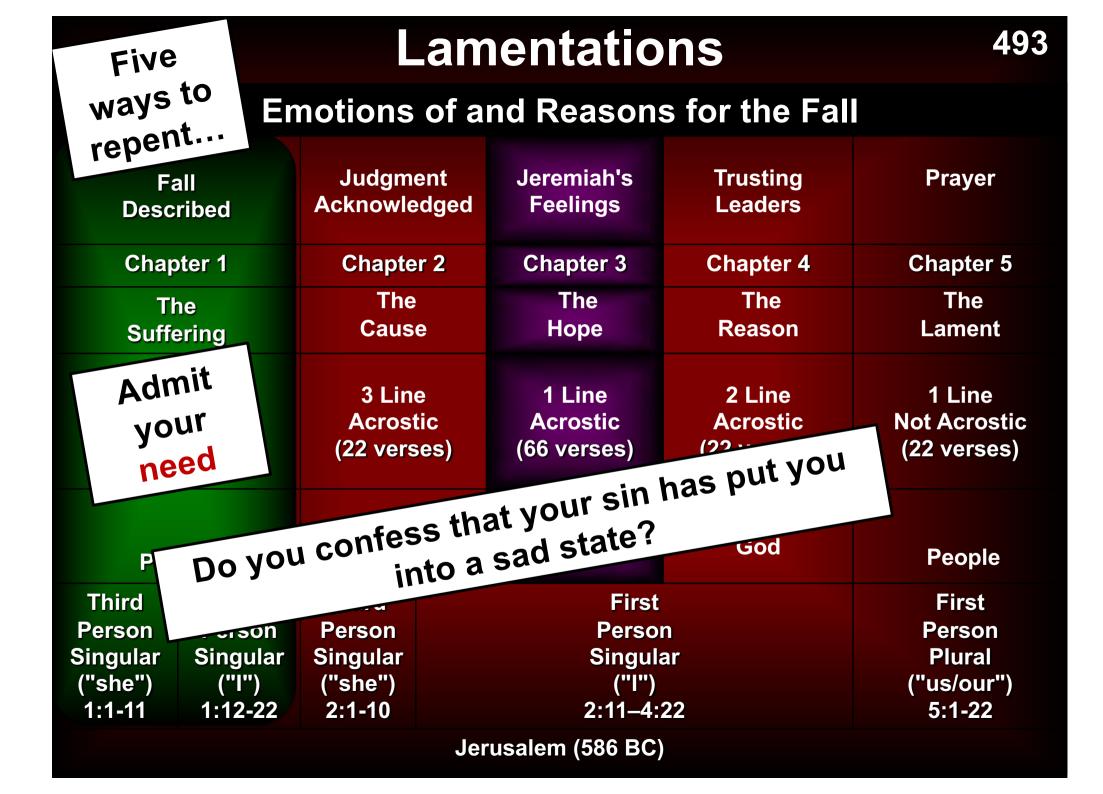
"The enemy laid hands on all her treasures; she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary those you had forbidden to enter your assembly" (Lam 1:10 NLT).



"All her people groan as they search for bread; they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive. 'Look, O LORD, and consider, for I am despised." (Lam 1:11 NLT). "He has sent fire from heaven that burns in my bones. He has placed a trap in my path and turned me back. He has left me devastated, racked with sickness all day long" (Lam 1:12 NLT).



"He has sent fire from heaven that burns in my bones. He has placed a trap in my path and turned me back. He has left me devastated, racked with sickness all day long" (Lam 1:13 NLT).



Lamentations 2

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"The Lord in his anger has cast a dark shadow over beautiful Jerusalem. The fairest of Israel's cities lies in the dust, thrown down from the heights of heaven. In his day of great anger, the Lord has shown no mercy even to his Temple" (Lam 2:1 NLT).

"Without mercy the Lord has destroyed every home in Israel. In his anger he has broken down the fortress walls of beautiful Jerusalem. He has brought them to the ground, dishonoring the kingdom and its rulers" (Lam 2:2 NLT). "All the strength of Israel vanishes beneath his fierce anger. The Lord has withdrawn his protection as the enemy attacks. He consumes the whole land of Israel like a raging fire" (Lam 2:3 NLT).

Parallels between Lamentations and Deuteronomy

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Lamentations		Deuteronomy		
2:15	All who pass your way clap their hands at you; they scoff and shake their heads at the Daughter of Jerusalem.	28:37	You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations where the LORD will drive you.	
2:20	Should women eat their offspring, the children they have cared for?	28:53	Because of the suffering that your enemy will inflict on you during the siege, you will eat the fruit of the womb, the flesh of the sons and daughters the LORD your God has given you.	
2:21	Young and old lie together in the dust of the streets.	28:50	a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young. Bible Knowledge Commentary, 1:1209	

Blessings & Curses (Deut. 28)

Your towns and your fields will be blessed (3)

Your children and your crops will be blessed (4)

Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed (5)

Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed (6)

Your enemies will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven! (7)

You will lend to many nations, but you will never need to borrow from them (12) Your towns and your fields will be cursed (16)

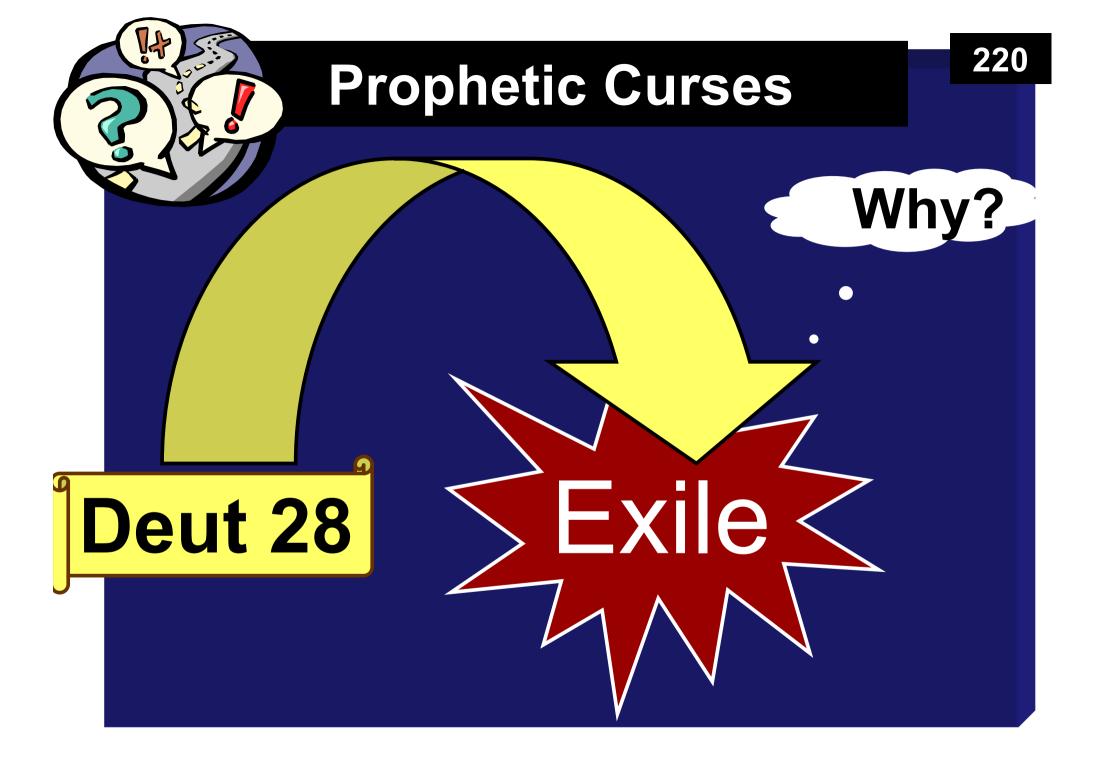
Your children and your crops will be cursed (17)

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You will attack your enemies from one direction, but you will scatter from them in seven! (25)

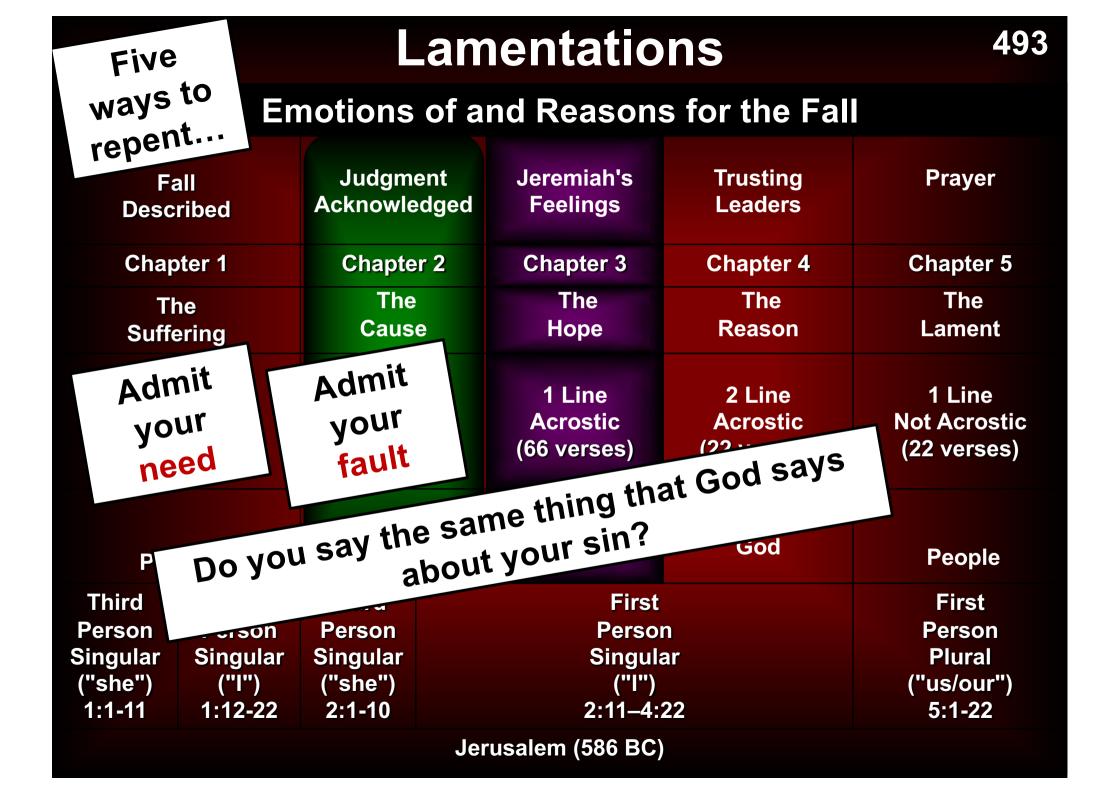
They will lend to money to you, but you will not lend to them (44)



"Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?"

Lamentations 2:15 (NIV)

"But it is the LORD who did just as he planned. He has fulfilled the promises of disaster he made long ago.
He has destroyed Jerusalem without mercy.
He has caused her enemies to gloat over her and has given them power over her" (Lam 2:17 NLT).



Lamentations 3

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Lamentations 3 Hebrew Acrostic

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⁵ He has besieged and surrounded me with anguish and distress.
⁶ He has buried me in a dark place, like those long dead" (Lam 3:4-6 NLT). "He has walled me in, and I cannot escape. He has bound me in heavy chains. ⁸ And though I cry and shout, he has shut out my prayers. ⁹ He has blocked my way with a high stone wall: he has made my road crooked" (Lam 3:7-9 NLT).

"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. ²⁰I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. ²¹Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²²Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him" (Lam 3:19-24 NLT).

"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. ²⁹Let him bury his face in the dustthere may yet be hope." (Lam 3:25-29 NLT)

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. **Strength for today** and bright hope for tomorrow; **Blessings all mine,** with ten thousand beside!

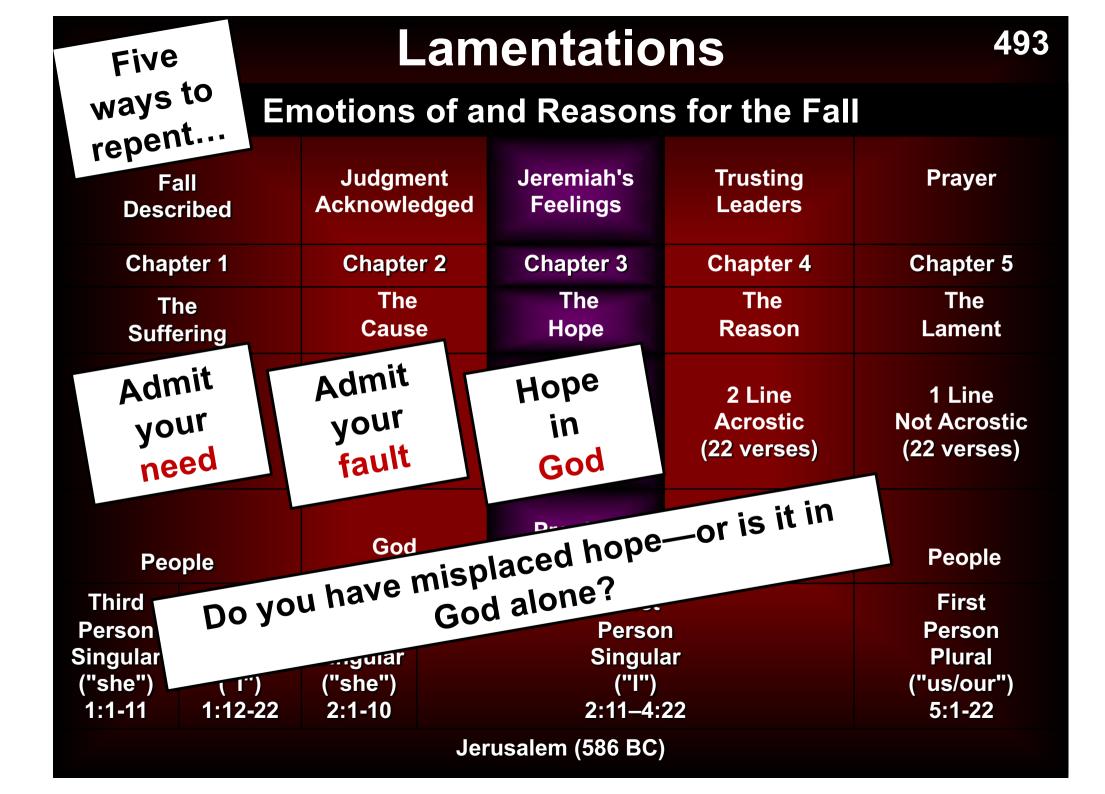
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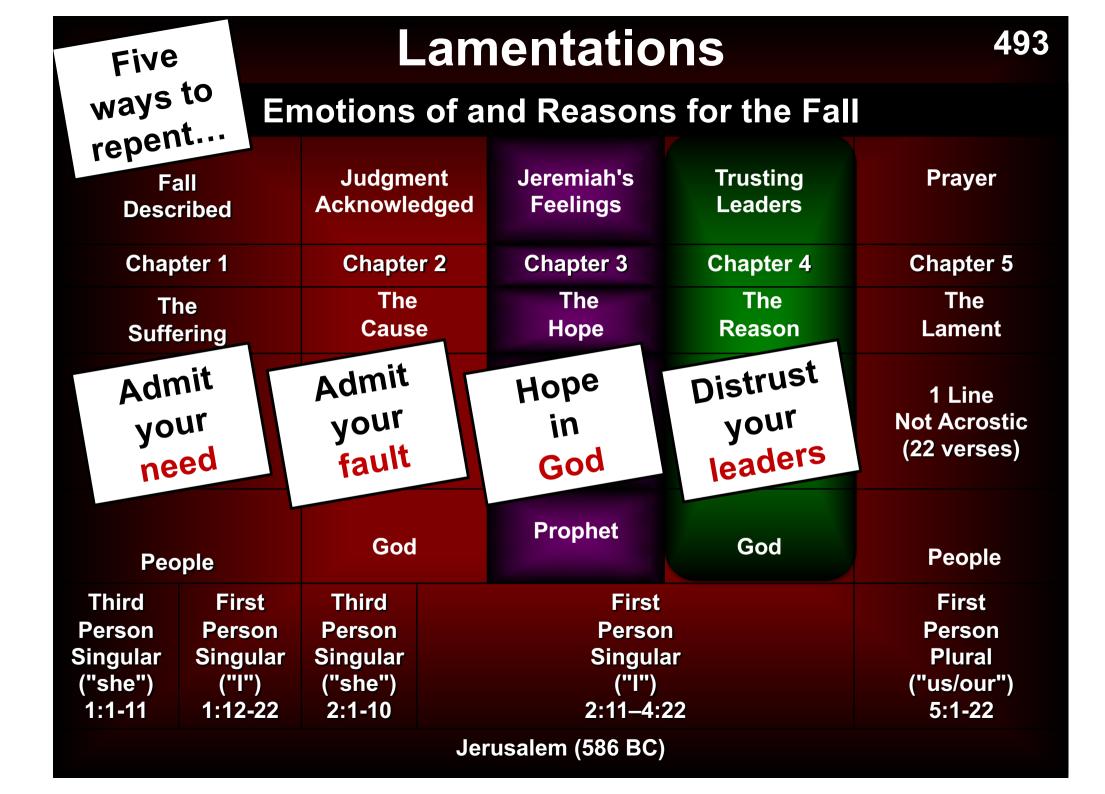
Midpoint = 3:31-36

"For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. To crush underfoot all prisoners in the land, to deny a man his rights before the Most High, to deprive a man of justice – would not the Lord see such things?"

Faith rises from the ashes of disaster.



Lamentations 4



"How the gold has lost its luster! Even the finest gold has become dull. The sacred gemstones lie scattered in the streets!" (Lam 4:1 NLT). "See how the precious children of Jerusalem, worth their weight in fine gold, are now treated like pots of clay made by a common potter" (Lam 4:2 NLT). "Even the jackals feed their young, but not my people Israel. They ignore their children's cries, like ostriches in the desert" (Lam 4:3 NLT).

"Not a king in all the earth no one in all the world would have believed that an enemy could march through the gates of Jerusalem. ¹³ Yet it happened because of the sins of her prophets and the sins of her priests, who defiled the city by shedding innocent blood" (Lam 4:12-13 NLT).

"Our king—the LORD's anointed, the very life of our nation— was caught in their snares. We had thought that his shadow would protect us against any nation on earth!" (Lam 4:20 NLT).



Reasons for the Babylonian Exile

The key reason was the idolatry practiced by the leaders

Jeremiah to King Jehoiakim

"Even if Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not go out to this people. Send them away from My presence! Let them go!"



Jeremiah to King Jehoiakim

"I will make them abhorrent to all the kingdoms of the earth because of what Manasseh son of Hezekiah king of Judah did in Jerusalem."



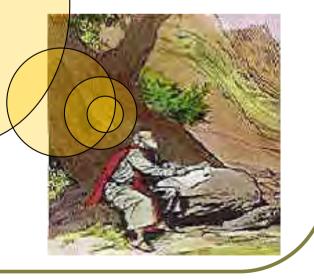
Jeremiah to King Jehoiakim



'...Your fathers forsook me... and did not keep my law. But you have behaved more wickedly than your fathers... instead of obeying Me. So I will throw you out of this land into a land neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you will serve other gods day and night, for I will show you no favour."

Jeremiah to King Zedekiah

"I gave the same message to Zedekiah king of Judah. I said, "Bow your neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon; serve him and his people, and you will live. Why will you and your people die by the sword, famine, and plague with which the Lord has threatened any nation that will not serve the King of Babylon?"



Parallelism in Lamentations 4:1-11 498					
4:1-6		4:7-11			
4:1-2	The value of the sons of Zion has become despised.	4:7-8	The value of the princes has become despised.		
4:3-5	The little children and adults suffer.	4:9-10	The little children and adults suffer.		
4:6	Conclusion: The calamity is God's punishment.	4:11	Conclusion: The calamity is God's punishment.		
Bible Knowledge Commentary, 1:1219					

Parallels between Lamentations and Deuteronomy

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Lamentations

Deuteronomy

4:10 With their own hands, compassionate women have cooked their own children.

28:56 The most gentle and sensitive woman among you... will begrudge the husband she loves and her own son or daughter the afterbirth from her womb and the children she bears. For she intends to eat them secretly during the siege.

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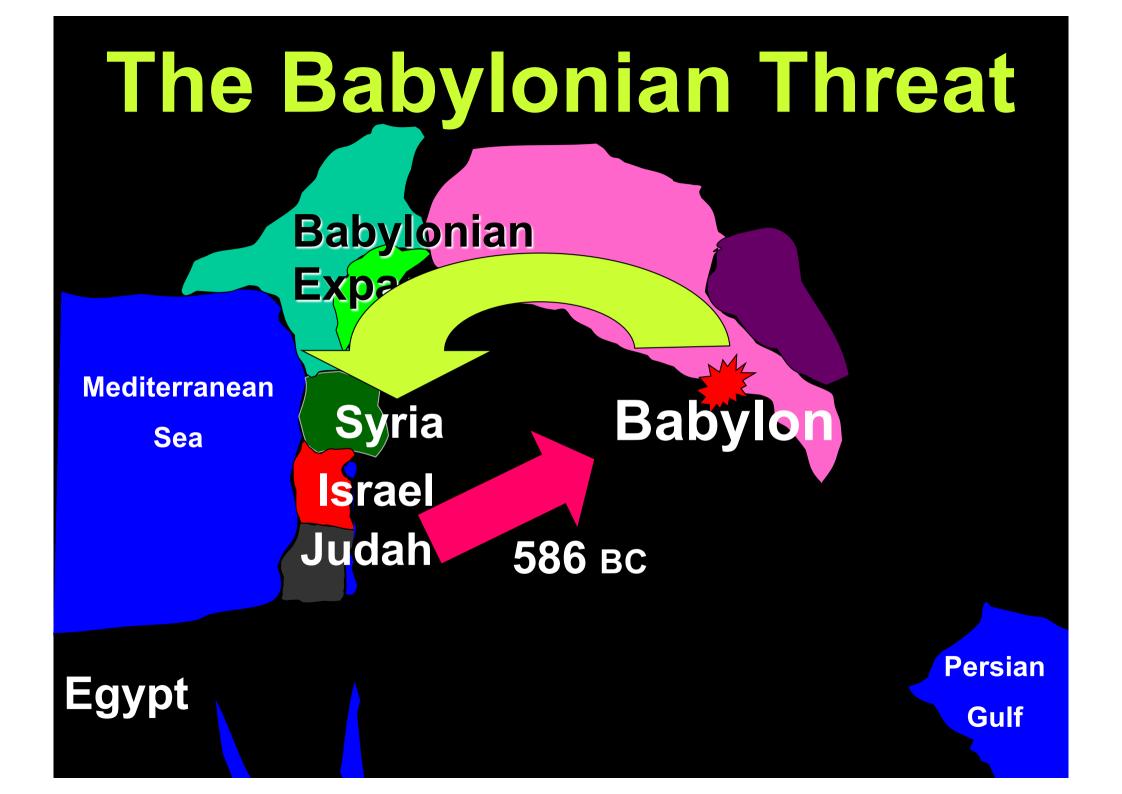


Judgment on the 12-Nation Coalition (Isa 13–23) 457





"We looked in vain for our allies to come and save us, but we were looking to nations that could not help us" (Lam 4:17 NLT).



Nations to Be Judged (Ezekiel 25–32)

Sidon (28:20-26)

Tyre

Philistia (25:15-17)

(26:1–28:19)



Ammon (25:1-7) Moab (25:8-11)

Edom

25:12-14)

Nations Prophesied Against (Jeremiah 46–51)

- 1. EGYPT (46:1-27) To be defeated by Babylonians
- 2. PHILISTIA (47:1-7) To be overrun by Egyptians
- 3. MOAB (48:1-47) To be conquered by Babylon
- 4. AMMON (49:1-6) To be destroyed and re-established in the millennium.
- 5. EDOM (49:7-22) To become as Sodom and Gomorrah
- 6. DAMASCUS (49:23-27) To be destroyed in a single day
- 7. KEDAR & HAZOR (49:28-35) To be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar
- 8. ELAM (49:34-39) To be overrun by Nebuchadnezzar and re-established during the millennium
- 9. BABYLON (50:1–51:64) Final destruction of the empire



Judgment of the Nations (Jeremiah 46–51)

Damascus (49:23-27)

Philistia (47:1-7)

Egypt

(Jer 46)

Ammon (49:1-6) Moab (48:1-47) Edom (49:7-22)

> Kedar & Hazor (49:28-35)

Babylon (50–51)

Elam (49:34-39)

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Judgment Against the Nations (Amos 1–2)

Amos declared the sins and penalties of lsrael and 7 surrounding countries for their sins against God's people, Israel



Judgment of the Nations (Zephaniah 2:4-15)

Assyria

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Edom

Ethiopia



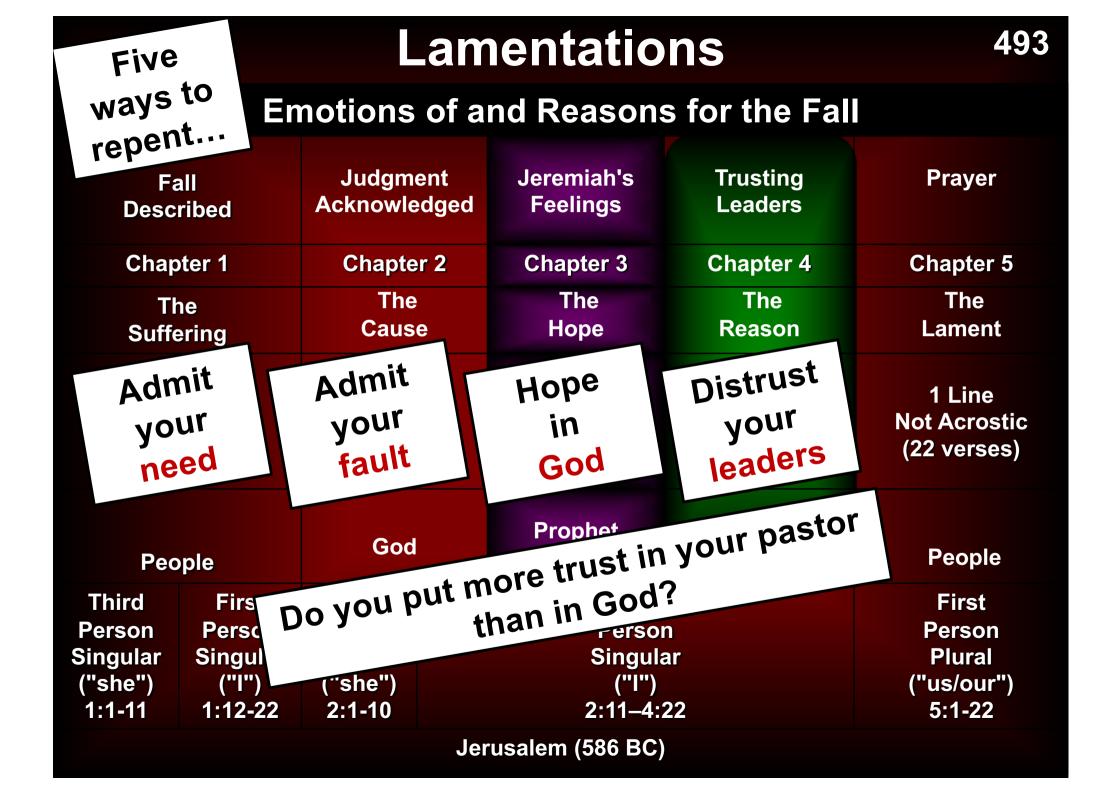
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Contrasts Between Edom & Israel in Lamentations 4:21-22

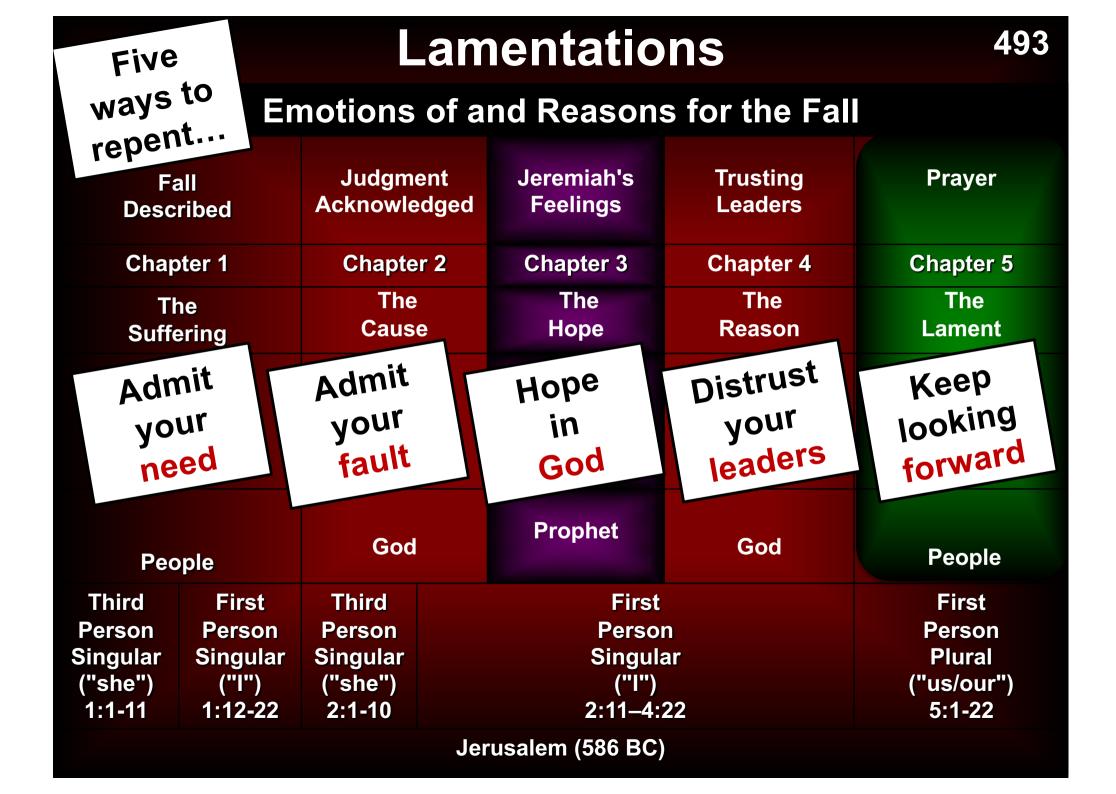


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Lamentations 5



"LORD, remember what has happened to us. See how we have been disgraced! ² Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to foreigners. ³ We are orphaned and fatherless. Our mothers are widowed" (Lam 5:1-3 NLT).

"We have to pay for water to drink, and even firewood is expensive. ⁵ Those who pursue us are at our heels; we are exhausted but are given no rest. ⁶ We submitted to Egypt and Assyria to get enough food to survive. ⁷ Our ancestors sinned, but they have died and we are suffering the punishment they deserved!" (Lam 5:4-7 NLT).

"Slaves have now become our masters; there is no one left to rescue us. ⁹ We hunt for food at the risk of our lives, for violence rules the countryside. ¹⁰ The famine has blackened our skin as though baked in an oven" (Lam 5:8-10 NLT).

Parallels between Lamentations 496 and Deuteronomy						
Lamentations		Deuteronomy				
5:2	Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens, our homes to foreigners.	28:30	You will build a house, but you will not live in it.			
5:5	We are weary and find no rest.	28:65	Among those nations, you will find no repose.			
	Our skin is as hot as an oven, feverish from hunger.	28:48	In hunger and thirst you will serve the enemies the LORD sends against you.			

"Our enemies rape the women in Jerusalem and the young girls in all the towns of Judah. ¹² Our princes are being hanged by their thumbs, and our elders are treated with contempt. ¹³ Young men are led away to work at millstones, and boys stagger under heavy loads of wood. ¹⁴ The elders no longer sit in the city gates; the young men no longer dance and sing. ¹⁵ Joy has left our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning" (Lam 5:11-15 NLT).

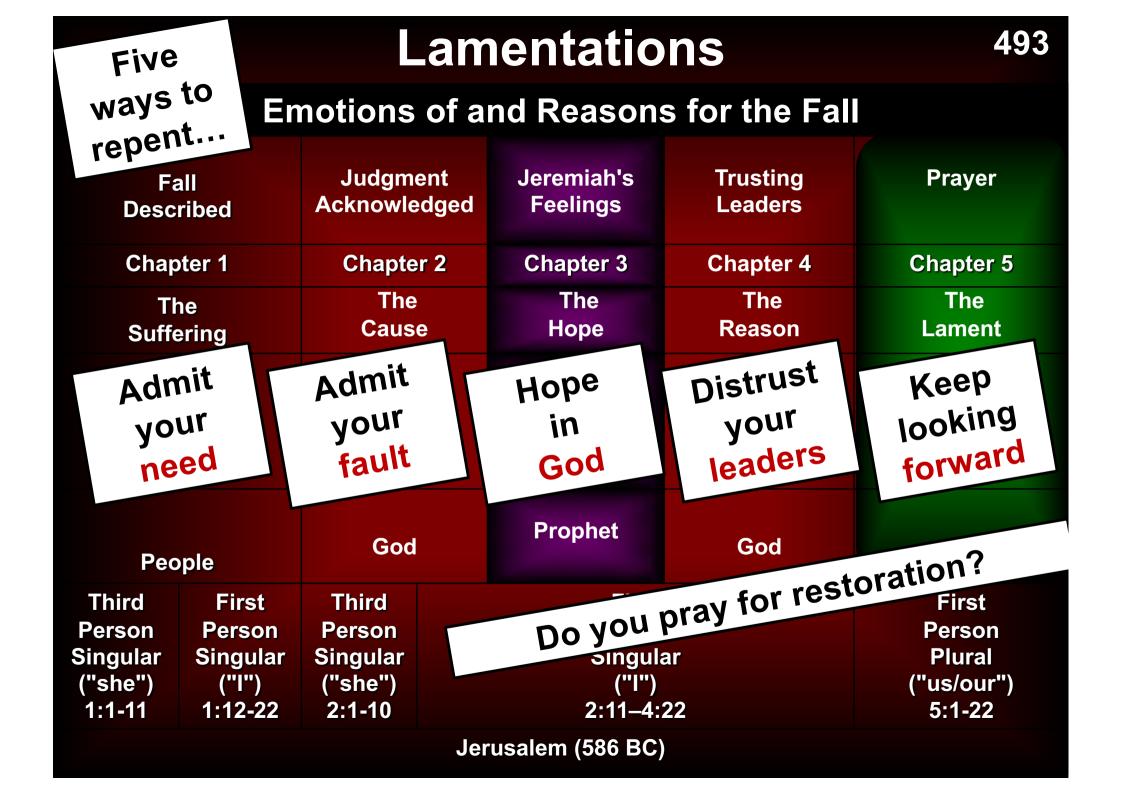
"The garlands have fallen from our heads. Weep for us because we have sinned. ¹⁷ Our hearts are sick and weary, and our eyes grow dim with tears. ¹⁸ For Jerusalem is empty and desolate, a place haunted by jackals" (Lam 5:16-18 NLT).

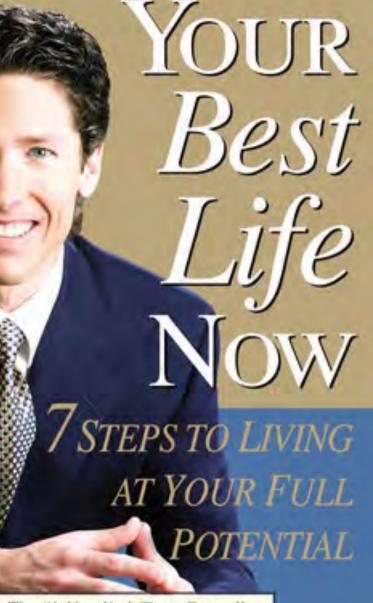
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Lamentations		Deuteronomy	
5:11	Women have been ravished in Zion and virgins in the towns of Judah.	28:30	You will be pledged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and ravish her.
5:12	Elders are shown no respect.	28:50	a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old
5:18 Bible K	Mount Zion lies desolate, with jackals prowling over it.	28:26	Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

"But LORD, you remain the same forever! Your throne continues from generation to generation. ²⁰ Why do you continue to forget us? Why have you abandoned us for so long? ²¹ Restore us. **O LORD, and bring us back to you again!** Give us back the joys we once had! ²² Or have you utterly rejected us? Are you angry with us still?" (Lam 5:19-22 NLT).





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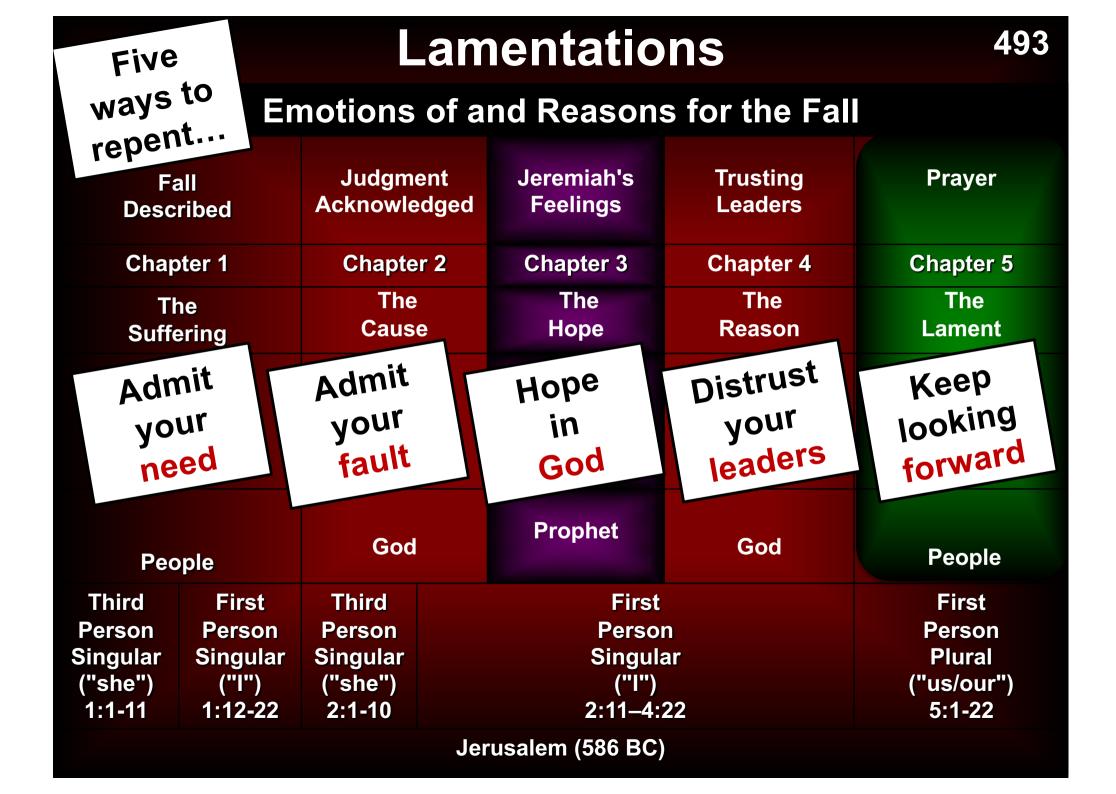
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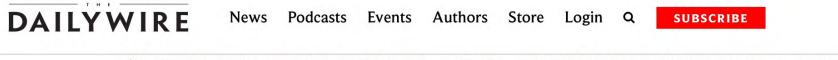


How should you change your mind about evil, Jesus, and your sin?

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Application

Beware lest you think you stand and begin to take God's grace for granted.

When we are punished by God, our only hope lies in turning to our "Enemy" (Huang Sabin)

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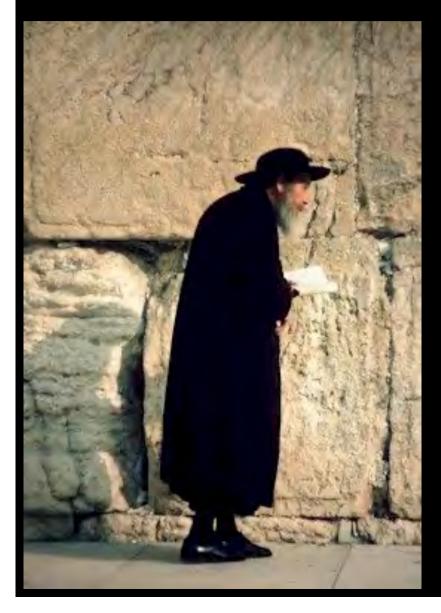
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Zephaniah	Habakkuk	Lamentations
Decades before the fall of Jerusalem (ca. 630)	Just before the fall of Jerusalem (ca. 607-605)	Just after the fall of Jerusalem (586)
God will judge	God, when will you judge?	God has judged
Preview of trouble	Promise of trouble	Presence of trouble

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Zephaniah	Habakkuk	Lamentations
Declaration	Dialogue	Dirge
Day	Dominion	Destruction
of the LORD	of the LORD	of the LORD
God is in your	God is your	God is your
midst	strength	portion
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8. Job vs. Lamentations

<u>Job</u>

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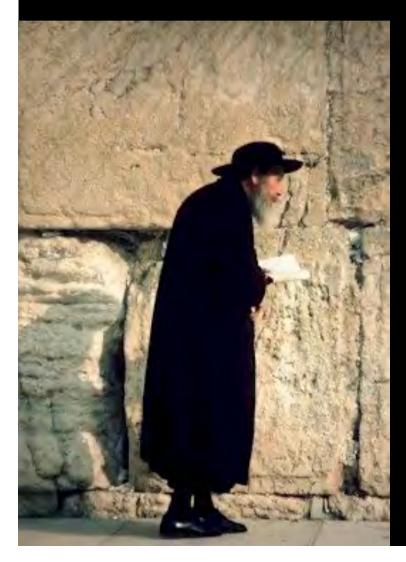
<u>Jerusalem</u>

Deserved

No Historical Setting

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Canonical Context

Realisation & Retribution

"Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may return; renew our days as of old" (5:21)



"Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth."

Psalm 48:1-2 (NIV)

"For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity."

Psalm 102:14 (NIV)

"If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.'

Psalm 137:5-6 (NIV)

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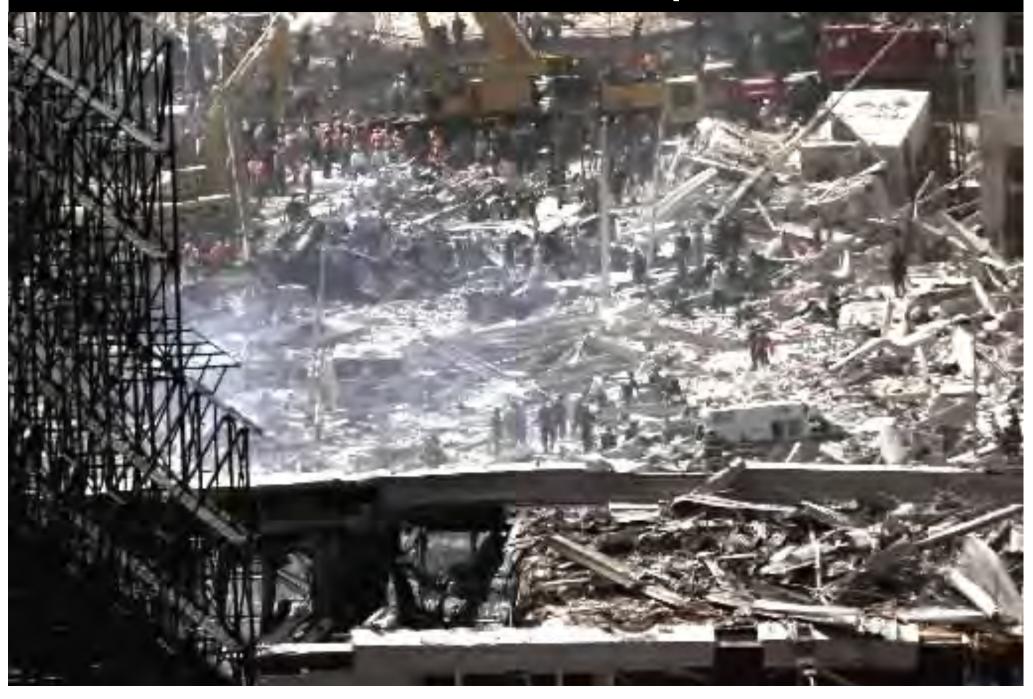
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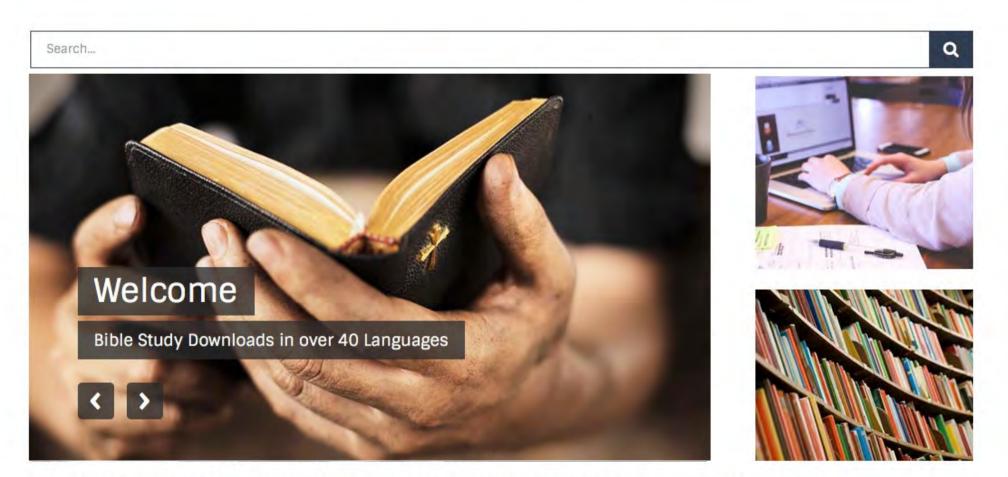
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