



# The LAMENTATIONS of JEREMIAH



# The Overview

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## THE AFFLICTED DAUGHTER OF ZION

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## THE MAN THAT HATH SEEN AFFLICTION

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# The Setting of the Book

EVENT	JEREMIAH	LAM
(1) Jerusalem falls after a lengthy siege	52v4-7	2v2, 4v11-12
(2) The horrors of the siege included famine	52v6	2v12, 4v4,9
(3) Babylonians desecrate the Temple and burn it to ground	52v13	1v10, 2v3,4,7
(4) The people were carried away captive by enemies	52v15	1v5,18
(5) Those left in the land were made menial slaves	52v16	5v2-6
(6) Judah had looked to Egypt to help	2v18	1v2,19, 4v17
(7) Edom rejoices at the downfall of Jerusalem	Obad v11	4v21-22

# “How?”

(1) The title of the book traditionally used by the Jews is the first word of all three of the great laments **Lam 1v1,2v1,4v1-2** (3x) – the Hebrew word “Eeyek” which means “**How!**”

(2) It really speaks of bewilderment, confusion, grief and disbelief – “**How** could this happen to us!”, “**How** could we have let this happen to us!”

(3) Other examples of “**How**” lamentations are:

**II Samuel 1v17-27** – “How are the mighty fallen...”

**Isaiah 1v21** – “How is the faithful city become an harlot...”

**Isaiah 14v4,12** – “How hath the oppressor ceased...”

**Jeremiah 48v17** – “How is the strong staff broken!...”

**Ezekiel 26v17** – “How art thou destroyed... the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea...”



# Who wrote the Book?

## (1) Evidence of the LXX superscription (250BC)

“And it came to pass after Israel had been led into captivity, and Jerusalem had been laid waste, **Jeremiah** sat weeping, and he lamented with this lamentation over Jerusalem, and he said...”

And the Vulgate adds,

“with a bitter spirit, sighing and wailing...”

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a ch. 3. 28.  
 2 Heb. *is become a removing, or, wandering.*  
 b Is. 47. 9.  
 Jer. 15. 8.  
 c Ezek. 16. 37.  
 d ver. 4. 11.  
 e ch. 5. 16.  
 f Eccles. 2. 8.  
 g Deut. 32. 29.  
 h Is. 47. 7.  
 i Jer. 9. 1.  
 j Job 7. 3.  
 k Ps. 6. 6.  
 l ver. 2.  
 m Jer. 22. 22.  
 n ver. 9. 16.  
 o Eccles. 4. 1.  
 p Is. 21. 2.  
 q Jer. 52. 27.  
 r Or.  
 s Ps. 79. 1.  
 t Jer. 51. 51.  
 u Heb.  
 v for the greatness of servitude.  
 w Deut. 28. 64. 65.  
 x Cp.  
 y Deut. 23. 3.  
 z Neh. 13. 1.  
 aa Jer. 45. 3.  
 ab ver. 6.  
 ac Ps. 116. 3.  
 ad ch. 2. 12.  
 ae ch. 2. 6.  
 af ver. 7.  
 ag Jer. 14. 2.  
 ah Or, to make the soul to come again.  
 ai Or, it is nothing.  
 aj Deut. 28. 23.  
 ak Jer. 13. 21.  
 al Heb. *pass by the way!*  
 am Jer. 22. 1.  
 an d ver. 12.  
 ao ver. 22.  
 ap ch. 2. 20.  
 aq Jer. 30. 14.  
 ar Dan. 9. 7.  
 as Cp. Jer. 54. 28-30.  
 at Jer. 22. 22.  
 au ver. 5.  
 av Is. 13. 13.  
 aw Cp.  
 ax Job 20. 23.  
 ay Ps. 102. 3.  
 az Ezek. 12. 13 & 17. 20.  
 ba ver. 22.  
 bb Deut. 28. 48.  
 bc ch. 3. 19.  
 bd Is. 58. 7.  
 be Or.  
 bf desirable.  
 bg Job 40. 17.  
 bh ch. 2. 17.

a Jer. 8. 16.  
 b ver. 13.  
 c ch. 5. 17.  
 d Is. 63. 2.  
 e Or.  
 f the wine-press of the virgin, &c.  
 g ch. 1. 1.  
 h Is. 14. 15.  
 i Mat. 11. 23.  
 j 2 Sam. 1. 19.  
 k 2 Chr. 28. 2.  
 l Heb.  
 m bring back.  
 n ver. 11, 19.  
 o A ver. 5, 8, 16.  
 p Jer. 25. 37.  
 q ver. 17, 21.  
 r ch. 3. 43.  
 s Jer. 4. 31.  
 t Heb. *made to touch.*  
 u Ps. 74. 7 & 89. 39.  
 v Is. 43. 28.  
 w ver. 8.  
 x Ezek. 18. 6.  
 y Ex. 11. 8.  
 z ver. 17.  
 aa 1 Sam. 2. 1.  
 ab Jer. 12. 1.  
 ac Dan. 9. 7.  
 ad Ps. 74. 11.  
 ae Heb.  
 af mouth.  
 ag ch. 3. 12.  
 ah 89. 46.  
 ai ver. 6.  
 aj Job 13. 24.  
 ak Is. 63. 10.  
 al Jer. 30. 14.  
 am Heb.  
 an all the desirable of the eye.  
 ao ver. 11.  
 ap ver. 2, 8, 16.  
 aq Job 16. 16.  
 ar Cp.  
 as Job 30. 27.  
 at Is. 10. 11.  
 au Jer. 4. 19.  
 av Cp.  
 aw 2 Kin. 25. 9.  
 ax Ezek. 7. 15.  
 ay Cp.  
 az Jer. 15. 2.  
 ba Is. 29. 2.  
 bb Job 15. 33.  
 bc Cp.  
 bd Ps. 80. 12.  
 be ver. 4.  
 bf Or, *hedge.*  
 bg Job 27. 18.  
 bh Is. 1. 8.  
 bi ver. 2.  
 bj Cp.  
 bk Jer. 12. 14.  
 bl Ps. 74. 4, 8.  
 bm Is. 1. 13.  
 bn Or, *proclaimed.*  
 bo Deut. 32. 19.  
 bp Ps. 109. 15.  
 bq ver. 12.  
 br ch. 2. 20.

a Jer. 2. 8.  
 b Heb.  
 c shut up.  
 d Ezek. 12. 24.  
 e Is. 58. 1.  
 f Ps. 74. 4.  
 g Jer. 30. 3.  
 h Jer. 23. 33.  
 i ch. 1. 1.  
 j Heb. *by the way.*  
 k Job 27. 23.  
 l 2 Kin. 21. 13.  
 m Heb. *swallowing up.*  
 n 2 Kin. 21. 23.  
 o Ezek. 27. 2.  
 p Ps. 48. 2.  
 q Jer. 14. 2.  
 r Cp.  
 s ch. 3. 46-51.  
 t Job 16. 9.  
 u Ps. 35. 25.  
 v Jer. 51. 30.  
 w Deut. 28. 36.  
 x Cp.  
 y 2 Chr. 15. 3.  
 z Ps. 35. 21.  
 aa Ps. 74. 9.  
 ab Cp. Lev. 26. 16, &c.  
 ac Deut. 28. 15, &c.  
 ad Is. 3. 26.  
 ae ch. 1. 7.  
 af Josh. 7. 6.  
 ag Is. 3. 24.  
 ah Jer. 48. 37.  
 ai ver. 2.  
 aj d ver. 3.  
 ak Cp.  
 al Job 16. 13.  
 am Prov. 7. 23.  
 an ver. 8.  
 ao Cp.  
 ap Jer. 22. 29.  
 aq ver. 11.  
 ar ch. 1. 16.  
 as ch. 3. 48.  
 at Ps. 77. 2.  
 au Hab. 1. 4.  
 av Jer. 44. 7.  
 aw Or, *faunt.*  
 ax Is. 57. 16.  
 ay Ps. 119. 147, 148.  
 az Ps. 62. 8.  
 ba 1 Sam. 7. 6.  
 bb ch. 1. 11.  
 bc ver. 11.  
 bd Is. 51. 20.  
 be Nah. 3. 10.  
 bf ch. 1. 22.  
 bg Cp.  
 bh Is. 46. 5.  
 bi ch. 1. 12.  
 bj Jer. 19. 9.  
 bk ch. 4. 10.  
 bl Cp.  
 bm Jer. 37. 21.  
 bn Or.  
 bo Jer. 12. 14.  
 bp Ps. 74. 4, 8.  
 bq Is. 1. 13.  
 br Or, *proclaimed.*  
 bs Deut. 32. 19.  
 bt Ps. 109. 15.  
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a ch. 3. 43.  
 b ch. 5. 14.  
 c Job 30. 9.  
 d Ps. 69. 12.  
 e Cp.  
 f Is. 51. 21.  
 g Heb. *bit-terness.*  
 h Ex. 12. 8.  
 i Num. 9. 11.  
 j d ver. 19.  
 k Jer. 9. 15.  
 l ver. 6.  
 m Jer. 20. 3.  
 n Prov. 20. 17.  
 o Jer. 42. 17 & 44. 14.  
 p Ps. 82. 5.  
 q Ezek. 37. 11.  
 r ver. 9.  
 s Hab. 1. 13.  
 t Or, *seeth not.*  
 u Cp.  
 v Hos. 9. 12, 13.  
 w ch. 2. 7.  
 x Cp. ver. 20.  
 y Heb. *good.*  
 z Jer. 18. 20.  
 aa ver. 54.  
 ab 1 Sam. 15. 29.  
 ac Is. 63. 3.  
 ad Ps. 39. 7.  
 ae Or.  
 af Remember.  
 ag Jer. 20. 18.  
 ah Ps. 2. 9.  
 ai Heb. *bowled.*  
 aj Ps. 42. 6.  
 ak Is. 5. 30.  
 al Heb.  
 am make to return to my heart.  
 an Deut. 4. 39.  
 ao ver. 24.  
 ap Is. 1. 9.  
 aq Mal. 3. 6.  
 ar 1 Chr. 17. 9.  
 as Ps. 49. 14.  
 at Ps. 51. 8.  
 au Is. 38. 13.  
 av Job 7. 18.  
 aw Ps. 36. 5.  
 ax Ps. 16. 5.  
 ay Ps. 143. 3.  
 az Is. 30. 18.  
 ba d ver. 9.  
 bb Job 19. 8.  
 bc Hos. 2. 6.  
 bd Mic. 7. 7.  
 be Job 19. 7.  
 bf & 30. 20.  
 bg Ps. 94. 12.  
 bh Jer. 9. 1.  
 bi Jer. 15. 17.  
 bj Cp.  
 bk Job 42. 6.  
 bl Hos. 6. 1.  
 bm Job 16. 10.  
 bn Is. 50. 6.  
 bo Job 16. 12.  
 bp Cp. Job 6. 4.  
 bq Heb. *sons.*  
 br Job 41. 28.

a Heb. 12. 10.  
 b Heb. *from his heart.*  
 c Num. 16. 28.  
 d Ps. 11. 1.  
 e Ps. 35. 19.  
 f Ps. 107. 10.  
 g Jer. 37. 26 & 38. 6, 9, 10.  
 h ch. 2. 11, 12.  
 i Or, *a superior.*  
 j Deut. 26. 19.  
 k Job 22. 11.  
 l Ps. 69. 2.  
 m Ps. 82. 5.  
 n Ezek. 37. 11.  
 o ver. 9.  
 p Hab. 1. 13.  
 q Or, *seeth not.*  
 r Cp.  
 s Ps. 54. 7.  
 t Cp.  
 u Ps. 33. 9.  
 v Ex. 8. 15.  
 w Esth. 4. 14.  
 x Job 2. 10.  
 y Is. 45. 7.  
 z Cp.  
 aa James 4. 8.  
 ab Cp.  
 ac Prov. 19. 3.  
 ad Or.  
 ae murmur.  
 af Num. 11. 1.  
 ag Or.  
 ah Zech. 14. 19.  
 ai Ps. 9. 4.  
 aj & 35. 23.  
 ak Ps. 25. 1.  
 al & 119. 48.  
 am Jer. 11. 19.  
 an Dan. 9. 5.  
 ao Ps. 78. 17.  
 ap ch. 2. 21.  
 aq Ps. 139. 2.  
 ar ver. 8.  
 as ver. 14.  
 at Ps. 28. 4.  
 au 1 Cor. 4. 13.  
 av Cp.  
 aw ch. 2. 16, 17 & 4. 16, 17.  
 ax Jer. 11. 20.  
 ay 2 Tim. 4. 14.  
 az Or.  
 ba obstinacy of heart.  
 bb Deut. 25. 19.  
 bc Jer. 10. 11.  
 bd Ps. 8. 3.  
 be Ps. 119. 136.  
 bf Jer. 9. 1.  
 bg ch. 1. 1.  
 bh Job 28. 16.  
 bi Cp.  
 bj Is. 1. 22.  
 bk ch. 2. 19.  
 bl Heb.  
 bm my soul.  
 bn Or, *more than all.*  
 bo Ps. 19. 10.  
 bp Jer. 19. 11.

a Is. 22. 24.  
 b Or, *sea calves.*  
 c Ps. 74. 13.  
 d Jer. 5. 31.  
 e Ezek. 22. 26.  
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 n 2 Sam. 1. 24.  
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 u Job 24. 8.  
 v 2 Kin. 7. 9.  
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 z Ps. 9. 7.  
 aa Hab. 1. 12.  
 ab Ps. 45. 6.  
 ac Neh. 2. 10.  
 ad Ps. 13. 1.  
 ae Ps. 138. 24.  
 af Heb.  
 ag for length of days!  
 ah Ps. 23. 6.  
 ai Ps. 80. 3, 7.  
 aj Jer. 31. 18.  
 ak Ps. 119. 83.  
 al Or, *terrors, or, storms.*  
 am Ps. 11. 6.  
 an Or, *For wilt thou utterly reject us?*  
 ao Is. 13. 16.

a ch. 4. 16.  
 b Ps. 89. 50.  
 c Cp.  
 d Prov. 25. 6.  
 e Judg. 16. 21.  
 f Cp.  
 g Josh. 9. 27.  
 h Ps. 79. 1.  
 i ch. 3. 14.  
 j Ps. 30. 11.  
 k Job 30. 31.  
 l Heb. *cometh for price.*  
 m Heb. *The crown of our head is fallen.*  
 n Job 19. 9.  
 o Heb. *On our necks are we persecuted.*  
 p Jer. 45. 3.  
 q 1 ch. 1. 22.  
 r 1 Chr. 29. 24.  
 s ch. 2. 11.  
 t Hos. 12. 1.  
 u Dan. 9. 17.  
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(5) Jeremiah's reference to the "virgin daughter of Zion" **Jer 14v17, Lam 2v13** and his indictment of "priest and prophet" **Jer 5v30-31, 6v13, 14v18, 23v11, Lam 4v13-14** is the same

(6) Jeremiah leads the national lament for Josiah in **II Chron 35v25**, and if this was Jeremiah's response to the loss of one man, what of an entire nation?



# The Writing Style

(1) **ACROSTIC** – To both aid memory and to give completeness of thought (**Lam 1-4**)

NOTE: Other acrostics include **Psalms 9-10, 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 119, 145, Prov 31v10-31, Nahum 1v1-8**

(2) **POETRY** - Hebrew poetry lacks the laws, rhyme and metric laws of English verse, but this is not to say that it does not have laws or beauty of its own. Eg: **Lam 3v16, 4v5**

(3) **PARALLELISM** – Especially **Lam 5** (21 out of 22 verses with **v9** paralleling **v10**) where the second half of the verse emphasizes the first. Around 2/3 of the verses exhibit parallelism, and it expresses inconsolable grief

(4) **LAMENT** – **Lam 1, 2, 4** are dirges concluded by a prayer. Maybe the prophet concludes **Lam 4** with a prayer in **Lam 5**?

(5) **DRAMA** – There are a cast of different characters



# Characters of the Drama

- (1) Jeremiah as the onlooking Narrator (describes the nation as an oppressed woman – “She”, “Her”) **1v1-8**
- (2) Jeremiah’s personal reflections (Characterized by the pronouns - “My”, “mine”, “I”) **2v11-13**
- (3) Jerusalem portrayed as an oppressed and crushed woman (Characterized by the pronouns - “My”, “mine”, “I”) **1v9b, 11b-16**
- (4) Enemies/Adversaries/Heathen/Persecutors **1v2-10, 2v16**
- (5) Those “that pass by” **1v12, 2v15**
- (6) The man that hath seen affliction **3v1-39, 3v48-63**

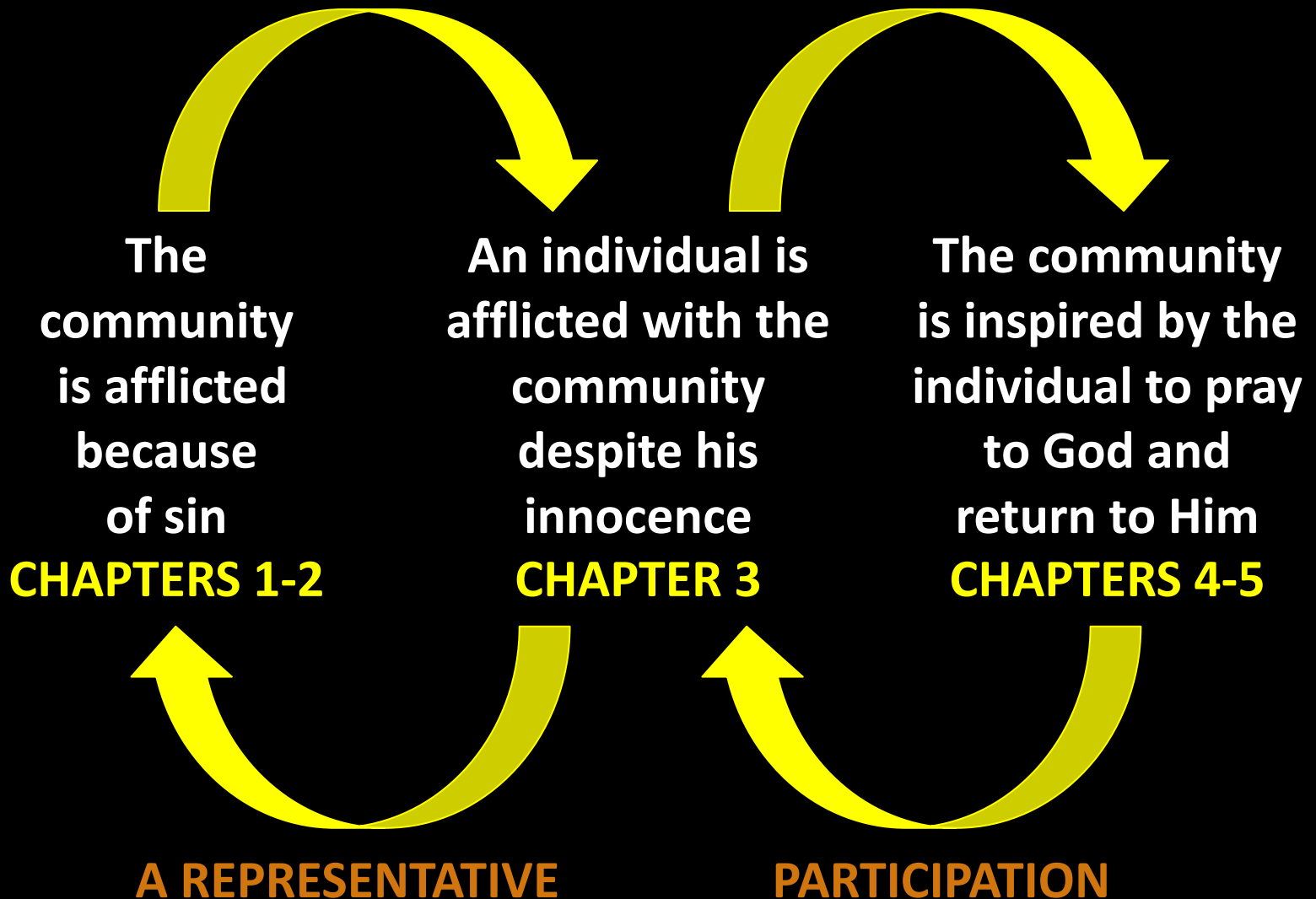
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(1) Narrator (Jeremiah)	1v1-9a
(2) Jerusalem	1v9b
(3) Narrator (Jeremiah)	1v10-11a
(4) Jerusalem	1v11b-16
(5) Narrator (Jeremiah)	1v17
(6) Jerusalem	1v18-22
(7) Narrator (Jeremiah)	2v1-19
(8) (Passersby/Enemies)	2v15b,16b
(9) Jerusalem	2v20-22
(10) The man that has seen affliction	3v1-66
(11) (The afflicted one on behalf of the nation)	3v40-47
(12) Narrator (Jeremiah)	4v1-16
(13) Jerusalem	4v17-20
(14) Narrator (Jeremiah)	4v21-22
(15) Jerusalem	5v1-22

# The Poetic Structure

CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTER 4	CHAPTER 5
Acrostic – Each letter x1 22 verses 3 lines/ stanza	Acrostic – Each letter x1 22 verses 3 lines/ stanza	Acrostic – Each letter x3 66 verses 3 lines/ stanza	Acrostic – Each letter x1 22 verses 2 lines/ stanza	22 verses 1 line/ stanza
“How” National lament	“How” National lament	“Remember” Individual lament and prayer	“How” National lament	“Remember” National prayer
Appeal to passers-by for sympathy			<b>TURNING POINT</b>	
				Appeal to God for mercy

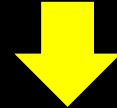
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# Appreciation of Affliction

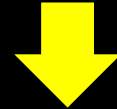
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**CHAPTER 2**



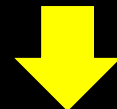
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**CHAPTER 3**



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**CHAPTER 4**



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**CHAPTER 5**





# Job and Lamentations

## JOB

Personal suffering and  
God's assurance of **CONTROL**

## LAMENTATIONS

National suffering and  
God's assurance of **MEANING**

# Our Perspective on Affliction

**Hebrews 12v11** – “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby...”

**II Corinthians 4v17** – “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;”

**Psalms 30v5** – “For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”



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“How”

National  
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Appeal to  
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## CHAPTER 2

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22 verses

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stanza

“How”

National  
lament



## CHAPTER 3

Acrostic –  
Each letter x3  
66 verses

3 lines/  
stanza

“Remember”

Individual  
lament and  
prayer

**TURNING  
POINT**

## CHAPTER 4

Acrostic –  
Each letter x1  
22 verses

2 lines/  
stanza

“How”

National  
lament



## CHAPTER 5

22 verses

1 line/  
stanza

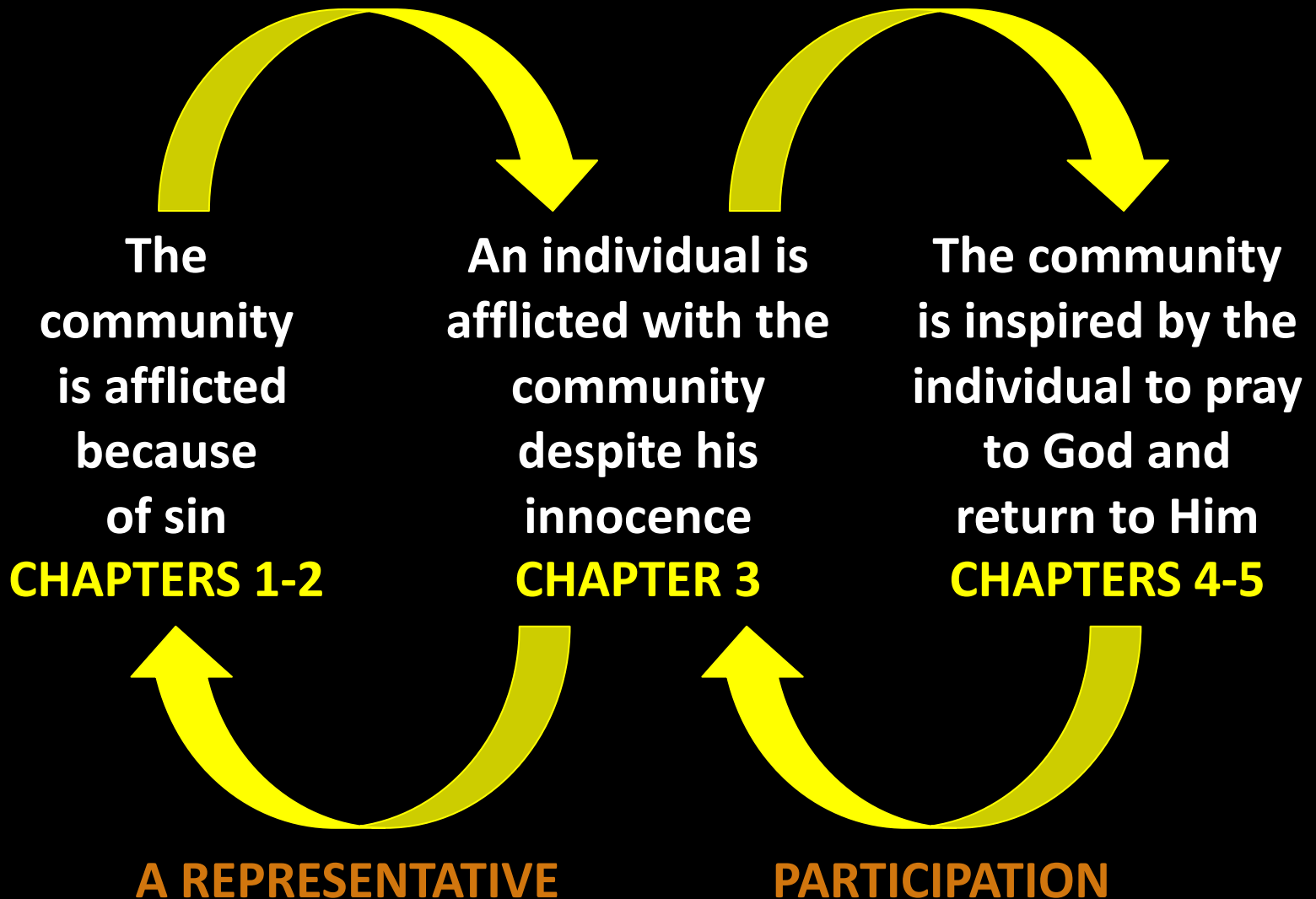
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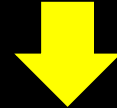
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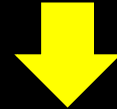
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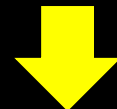
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# The Overview

## THE INTRODUCTION

**Jeremiah/Lamentations**

## THE AFFLICTED DAUGHTER OF ZION

**Lamentations 1-2**

# Behold and see...

- (1) The city, once full of bustling people, is empty **1v1**
- (2) Feel betrayed by all your friends **1v2**
- (3) The gates are desolate, the feasts abandoned **1v4**
- (4) Priests sit disconsolate on the ground, young maidens depressed **1v4**
- (5) Everyone in misery – can only think of the good old days **1v7**
- (6) The heathen have ransacked and desecrated the Sanctuary – **1v10**
- (7) Everything you own has been sold to buy a loaf of bread **1v11**
- (8) Feel like God is burning your bones or catching you in a net **1v13**
- (9) Keep getting knocked down, unable to rise **1v14**
- (10) Feel like crushed grapes, squeezed till no more drops run out **1v15**
- (11) Can't stop crying **1v16**
- (12) Old people are dying while crying out for food **1v19**
- (13) Can't stop sighing and too tired to move **1v22**
- (14) Feel like God has thrown you from heaven to be dashed on earth **2v1**
- (15) Feel like God is shooting arrows at you in His anger **2v4**

# Behold and see...

- (16) Feel like God has torn up your carefully manicured garden **2v5-6**
- (17) The elders sit on the ground with dust on their heads in silence **2v10**
- (18) God has poured your liver out on the ground in front of you **2v11**
- (19) Nursing babies breathe their last still sucking for milk **2v12**
- (20) Feel like the sea is crashing on top of you relentlessly **2v13**
- (21) Passersby, rather than helping, mock and laugh **2v15**
- (22) Your enemies actually think they have brought you down **2v16**
- (23) Tears flow like a river day and night **2v18**
- (24) Children lie down to die at every intersection **2v19**
- (25) Mothers eat their own newborn children **2v20**
- (26) Young and old die alike and are piled up in the streets **2v21**
- (27) Feel like you are in a maze and cannot escape **3v7**
- (28) Feel like any cries for help go deliberately unanswered **3v8**
- (29) Feel like God is a like a lion or bear tearing you to pieces **3v10-11**
- (30) Feel like your liver is the practice target for God's arrows **3v12-13**

# Behold and see...

- (31) Feel like God has filled your mouth with gravel **3v16**
- (32) It is impossible to remember anything “good” anymore **3v17**
- (33) Feel like food scraps or sewerage thrown into the streets **3v45**
- (34) Feel like you are drowning **3v54**
- (35) Everything left is worthless, even the gold **4v1**
- (36) The child’s tongue sticks to the roof of its mouth for hunger **4v4**
- (37) Restaurant owners eat scraps, fashion models embrace dunghills **4v5**
- (38) Skin sticks to the bones and you look like a black withered stick **4v8**
- (39) Those killed by the sword are blessed compared to starving **4v9**
- (40) The compassionate mothers boil their children to end the pain **4v10**
- (41) Houses are turned over to be inhabited by complete strangers **5v2**
- (42) The women and maids are ravished **5v11**
- (43) The princes are tortured, the elders mutilated and disfigured **5v12**
- (44) All the young people are sold as slaves **5v13**
- (45) Music and songs die in your throat **5v15**



# Themes of Lamentations 1-2

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**(1) “MY LOVERS/FRIENDS HAVE LEFT” – 1v2,8,19**

EGYPT – **Isaiah 30v7,36v6**

BABYLON – **Isaiah 39v3-4, Ezekiel 23v22-23**

EDOM – **Obadiah v11-12**

AMMON – **Ezekiel 25v3-6, Jeremiah 40v14**



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- (4) "MY SIGHS" – 1v4,8,11,21,22

## CHAPTER TWO

- (5) "HE HATH DONE THIS" – Yahweh/Adonai -14x
- (6) "HIS ANGER" – 2v1(x2),2,3,4,6,21,22
- (7) "HE HATH SWALLOWED UP" – 2v2,5(x2),8,16
- (8) "HE HATH NOT PITIED" – 2v2,17,21



# “He hath done this”

**(1) Their Strongholds, the Palaces, the Monarchy – 2v1-5**

**THE KING – DESPISED – 2v6**

**(2) Their Temple, the Priests, the Feasts – 2v6-7**

**THE PRIEST – VIOLENTLY TAKEN AWAY – 2v6**

**(3) Their Walls, the Gates, the Defenses – 2v8-10**

**THE PRINCES – SCATTERED – 2v9**

**(4) Their Children, the Weak, the Vulnerable – 2v11-14**

**THE PROPHETS – EXPOSED – 2v9,14**

**(5) Their Reputation, the Prestige, the Image – 2v15-19**

**THE ELDERS – HUMBLD – 2v10**

# Israel or Babylon?

## ISRAEL

## BABYLON

Lam 1v9	(1) Humiliating fall from grace	Isa 47v1
Lam 2v13	(2) Described as a “Virgin daughter”	Isa 47v1
Lam 2v10	(3) Sitting on the ground amidst dust	Isa 47v1
Lam 1v8	(4) Nakedness exposed	Isa 47v3
Lam 2v10,3v2	(5) In silence in darkness	Isa 47v5
Lam 1v1	(6) No more “Lady”/ “Princess”	Isa 47v5
Lam 1v9	(7) “Remembered not her last end”	Isa 47v7
Lam 1v7,10,11	(8) Given to pleasures	Isa 47v8
Lam 1v1,5	(9) Becomes a widow and childless	Isa 47v9
Ezek 8v12,9v9	(10) Said “None seeth me!”	Isa 47v10
Lam 2v14	(11) False prophets unable to help	Isa 47v13
Lam 2v3-4	(12) Consumed by God’s fiery judgments	Isa 47v14

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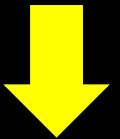
<b>Lam 5v2,11</b>	<b>(13)</b> Houses spoiled, women ravished	<b>Isa 13v16</b>
<b>Lam 4v6</b>	<b>(14)</b> Destroyed as Sodom and Gomorrah	<b>Isa 13v19</b>
<b>Lam 2v1</b>	<b>(15)</b> Cast down from heaven to earth	<b>Isa 14v12</b>
<b>Lam 2v15</b>	<b>(16)</b> Passersby astounded	<b>Isa 14v16</b>
<b>Lam 1v15</b>	<b>(17)</b> Trodden under foot	<b>Isa 14v19</b>
<b>Lam 2v17</b>	<b>(18)</b> Yahweh's purpose is accomplished	<b>Isa 14v24</b>
<b>Lam 2v9</b>	<b>(19)</b> Gates broken, bars destroyed	<b>Isa 45v2</b>
<b>Lam 2v15</b>	<b>(20)</b> All that pass by hiss in astonishment	<b>Jer 50v13</b>
<b>Lam 1v13</b>	<b>(21)</b> Caught unawares in Yahweh's net	<b>Jer 50v24</b>
<b>Lam 2v21</b>	<b>(22)</b> Young men fail in streets	<b>Jer 50v30</b>
<b>Lam 1v14</b>	<b>(23)</b> There be "none to raise him up"	<b>Jer 50v32</b>
<b>Lam 2v11</b>	<b>(24)</b> Ironically both experience livers poured upon the earth!	<b>Ezek 21v21</b>

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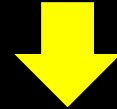


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# Stirrings of hope...

**“I am become vile” 1v11**



**“The comforter that should relieve my soul...” 1v16**



**“Yahweh is righteous; for I have rebelled...” 1v18**



**“For thy breach is great...who can heal thee?” 2v13**



**“Arise, cry out...pour out thine heart like water before the face of Yahweh: lift up thy hands toward Him...” 2v19**



**“Thou hast slain...thou hast killed and not pitied...” 2v21**



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# NATION

# EXPERIENCES

# INDIVIDUAL

<b>2v1</b>	<b>(1)</b> God's anger	<b>3v1</b>
<b>1v13</b>	<b>(2)</b> Destroying body and bones	<b>3v4</b>
<b>2v3</b>	<b>(3)</b> Hedged/ devouring round about	<b>3v7</b>
<b>1v21</b>	<b>(4)</b> Noone answers	<b>3v8</b>
<b>1v15</b>	<b>(5)</b> God destroys like a marauding animal	<b>3v10-11</b>
<b>1v4,16</b>	<b>(6)</b> Desolate	<b>3v11</b>
<b>2v4</b>	<b>(7)</b> Bent his bow	<b>3v12-13</b>
<b>2v15-16</b>	<b>(8)</b> Mocked by passersby	<b>3v14</b>
<b>1v4</b>	<b>(9)</b> Bitterness	<b>3v15</b>
<b>2v10</b>	<b>(10)</b> Sackcloth and ashes	<b>3v16</b>
<b>1v3</b>	<b>(11)</b> No rest/peace	<b>3v17</b>
<b>1v14</b>	<b>(12)</b> Strength fails	<b>3v18</b>
<b>1v1</b>	<b>(13)</b> Alone, solitary	<b>3v28</b>
<b>2v2,17,21</b>	<b>(14)</b> God shows "no pity"	<b>3v43</b>
<b>1v16,2v18</b>	<b>(15)</b> Tears like rivers	<b>3v48-49</b>
<b>2v5,16</b>	<b>(16)</b> Swallowed up/waters over head	<b>3v53-54</b>

# The Suffering Servant

## ISAIAH

## EXPERIENCES

## LAM

<b>52v14</b>	<b>(1)</b> Visage marred, aged before his time	<b>3v4</b>
<b>53v2</b>	<b>(2)</b> No form or beauty	<b>3v4</b>
<b>53v3</b>	<b>(3)</b> Despised and rejected of men	<b>3v14</b>
<b>53v3</b>	<b>(4)</b> Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief	<b>3v1</b>
<b>53v4</b>	<b>(5)</b> Stricken, smitten, afflicted	<b>3v1,3</b>
<b>53v5</b>	<b>(6)</b> Wounded and bruised	<b>3v11-13</b>
<b>53v7</b>	<b>(7)</b> Oppressed but silent	<b>3v26-29</b>
<b>53v8</b>	<b>(8)</b> Taken from justice	<b>3v59</b>
<b>53v8</b>	<b>(9)</b> Cut off from the living	<b>3v53-54</b>
<b>53v10</b>	<b>(10)</b> It pleased Yahweh to bruise him	<b>3v10-13</b>

“thy **bruise** is great... who can **heal** thee” **Lam 2v13**

“and with his **bruise** (marg) are we **healed**” **Isa 53v5**

# Psalm 143 and David's Key

PSALM	EXPERIENCES	LAM
142v3	(1) Felt caught in a snare	3v47
142v4	(2) Refuge or hope had perished	3v18
142v7	(3) Felt imprisoned	3v7
143v3	(4) He hath set me in dark places	3v6
143v4	(5) My heart within me is desolate	3v11
143v7	(6) Lest I be like them that go down to the dungeon	3v53-55

## BUT THEN HE STARTS TO BECOME MORE POSITIVE

142v5	(9) Yahweh is my portion	3v24
143v2	(10) Admits that no man living can be justified	3v39

## BECAUSE HE SUDDENLY...

143v5	(7) I remember!!	3v21
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# What does he remember?

PSALM

LAM

**143v1**

**THY FAITHFULNESS**

**3v23**

**143v8,12**

**THY LOVINGKINDNESS (“Chesed”  
compassions) IN THE MORNING**

**3v22-23**

**143v10**

**THY GOODNESS**

**3v25,26,27**

**143v1,11**

**THY RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**3v35**

**143v12**

**THY MERCY**

**3v22,32**

**HE RECALLS TO HIS MIND GOD’S GOOD CHARACTER...**

# When we forget the good...

When we forget what is good, we lose perspective and start to just focus on ourselves **v17**



**ANGER**

It is unfair, and  
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**FRUSTRATION**

It is too hard, and  
I give up



**DOUBT**

It is confusing, and  
God doesn't care

We need to  
remember the good...

**GOD'S GOOD CHARACTER PUTS ALL THIS IN THE  
RIGHT PERSPECTIVE...**

# God's character means...

- (1) God's mercies mean that we are not consumed **v22**
- (2) Far from forgetful, His compassions are new each day **v23**
- (3) God's timetable may require our patience **v25-26**
- (4) Bearing a yoke is not heavy if it is salvation! **v27**
- (5) God's righteousness should humble and silence us **v26-29**
- (6) Suffering is not for ever – it will always end **v31**
- (7) Suffering is God's opportunity to show mercy **v32**

## And by logical implication...

- (8) God never sends suffering without excellent reason **v33**
- (9) God always provides an escape so we are not crushed **v34**
- (10) God is not, and cannot be, unfair **v35** or misleading **v36**
- (11) He controls everything, and to question His judgment is to doubt His promises, Word, power and character **v37**
- (12) Evil and good can all be for our benefit **v38**
- (13) In fact our position is so lowly we don't deserve life! **v39**

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**v37-38**



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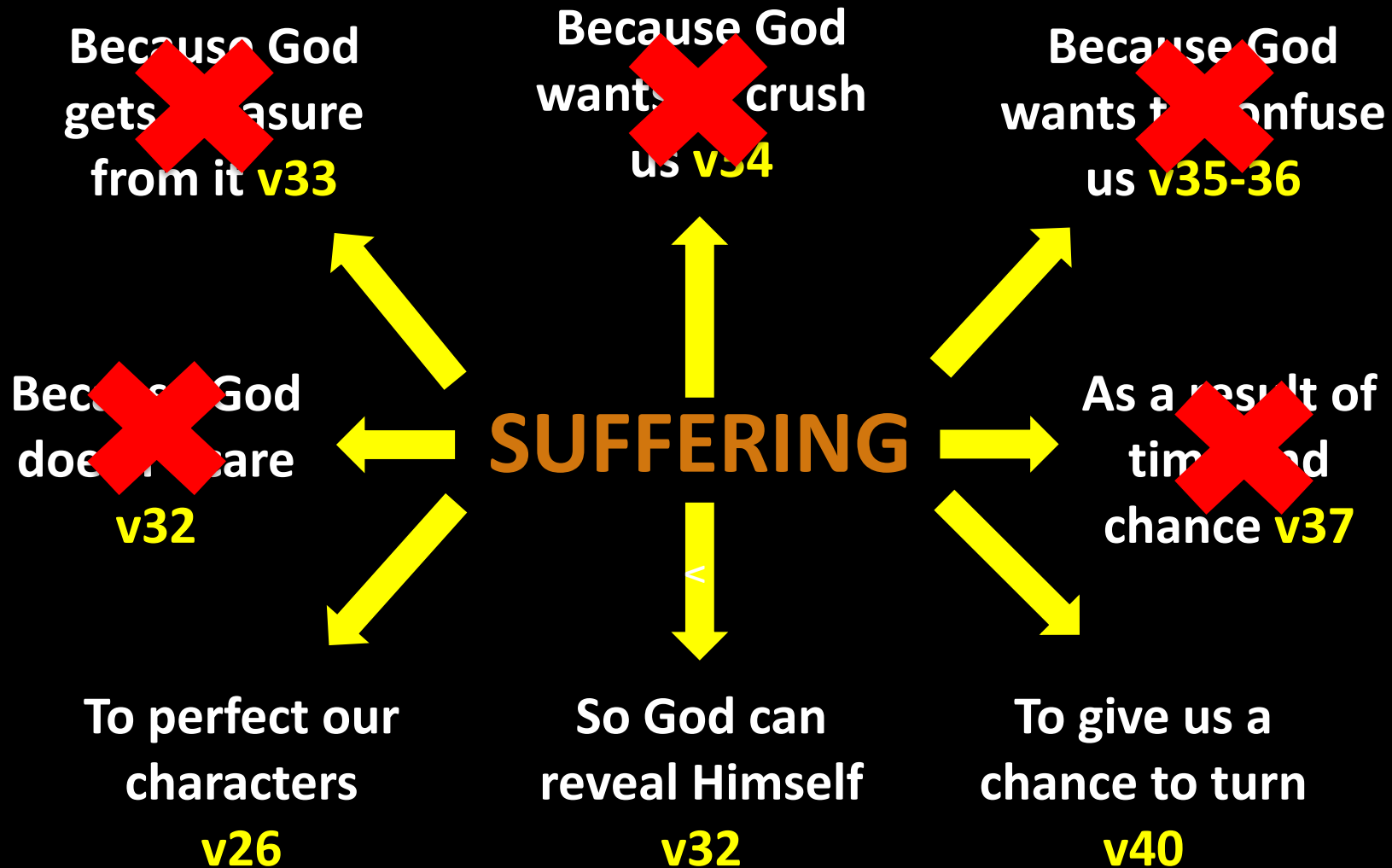
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God's ways might  
not make sense at  
the time **v25-26**  
but God does care  
and cannot afflict  
willingly or with-  
out purpose **v33**

# Why do we suffer?...



# Suffering is essential...

“Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” **Acts 14v22**

“For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know:” **I Thess 3v4**

“that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:” **II Thess 1v5**

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution..” **II Tim 3v12**

# That Christ be formed in us!

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# The Purpose of Suffering

“And not only so, but we glory in **tribulations** also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, **hope**: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts”

**Romans 5v3-5**

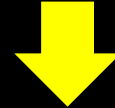
...Is to lead us to Hope...



# The Progression of hope...

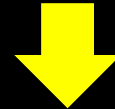
**“My hope is perished from Yahweh” 3v18**

HOPE SEEMS TO BE DEAD



**“This I recall to my mind: therefore I have hope” 3v21**

HOPE GLIMMERS AS A POSSIBILITY



**“Yahweh is my portion...therefore I will hope” 3v24**

HOPE IS A GIFT FRESH EVERY MORNING



**“It is good that a man should both hope...” 3v26**

HOPE IS A PROFITABLE AND GOOD THING



**“if so be there may be hope” 3v29**

HOPE IS ALL WE HAVE

# Christ's Inspiration?

## LAMENTATIONS

- (1) Narrator (Jeremiah)
- (2) Jerusalem has no strength, unable to rise **1v14**
- (3) The enemies are thieves **1v10**
- (4) Those that pass by on the way don't care **1v12**
- (5) The "man that hath seen affliction" sympathizes **3v10**
- (6) "Compassion" and "mercy" are shown **3v22,32**
- (7) Their lives were redeemed **3v58**

## LUKE 10

- (1) Narrator (Christ)
- (2) The man from Jerusalem is wounded, left for dead **10v30**
- (3) The enemies are thieves **10v30**
- (4) The Priest and Levite pass by on the other side **10v32-33**
- (5) The Good Samaritan sympathizes **10v33**
- (6) "Compassion" and "mercy" are shown **10v33,37**
- (7) "He took out two pence" (silver coins) **10v35**



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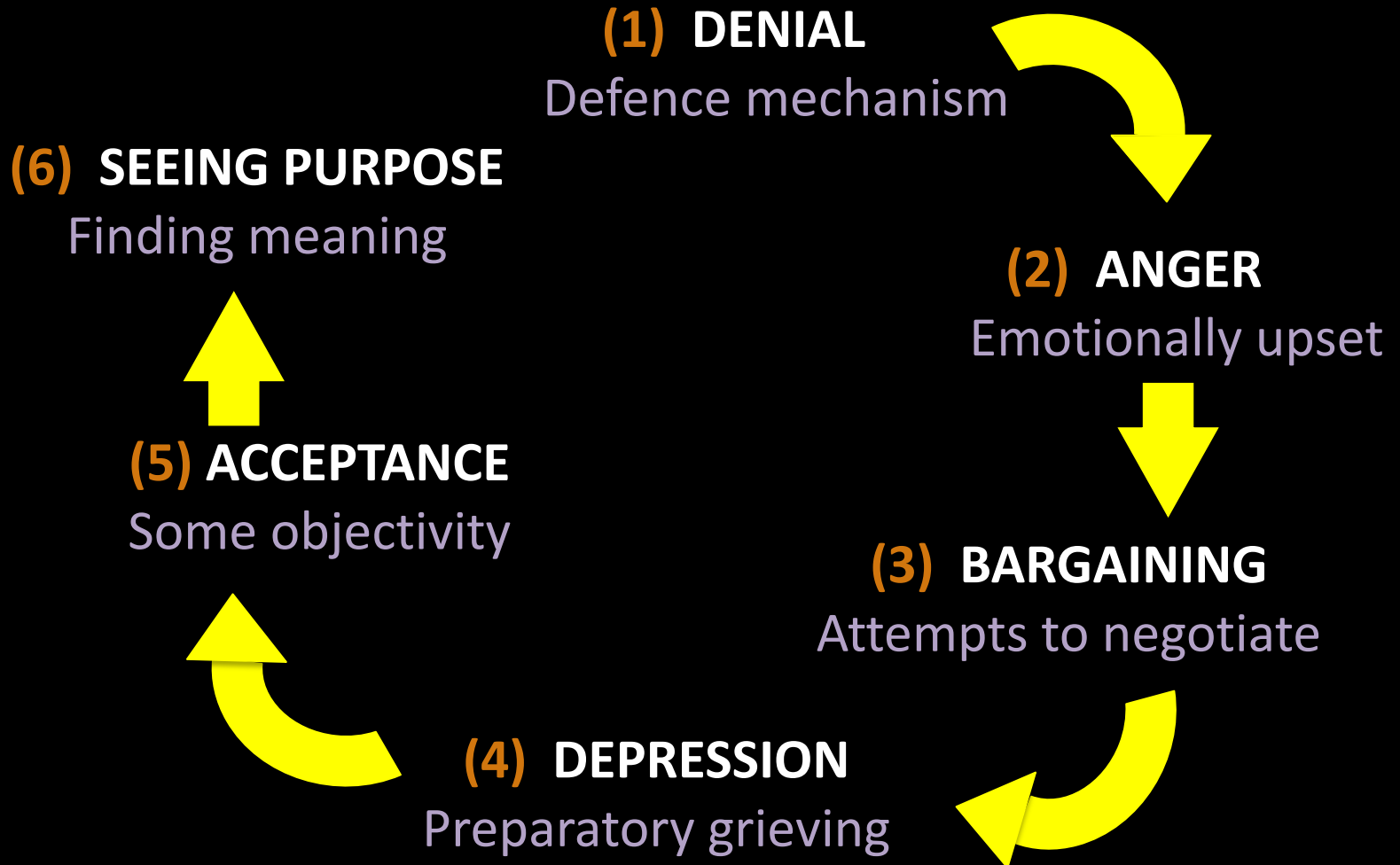
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# The Man of Affliction...

- (1) He never blames God, but is highly aware of his miserable state **v1-17**
- (2) Then choosing wisdom, he remembers the experiences of the past **v18-21**
- (3) He reminds himself of God's glorious merciful character **v22-23**
- (4) So he concludes that suffering has purpose, and ultimately good objectives **v24-32**
- (5) Which means that God will never afflict without excellent reason **v33-36**
- (6) And if we question or complain about our sufferings, we are doubting God's character and promises **v37-39**

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NATION    PROPHET

## **(1) DENIAL**

Defence mechanism

**1v11-12**

**1v1-2**

## **(2) ANGER**

Emotionally upset

**2v21-22**

**2v1-2**

## **(3) BARGAINING**

Attempts to negotiate

**2v20**

**2v13**

## **(4) DEPRESSION**

Preparatory grieving

**4v17-20**

**4v1-12**

## **(5) ACCEPTANCE**

Some objectivity

**5v1-20**

**4v22**

## **(6) SEEING PURPOSE**

Finding meaning

**5v21**

**3v39-40**





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# Worse than animals...

“The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but **Israel doth not know**, my people doth not consider.” **Isaiah 1v3**

“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but **my people know not** the judgment of the LORD.” **Jeremiah 8v7**



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# “Not known in the streets”

LAM 4v7

LAM 4v8

Purer than snow

**HOLY**

Blacker than coal

Whiter than  
milk

**CLEAN**

Unrecognizably  
dirty

More ruddy than  
rubies

**HEALTHY**

Skin cleaveth to  
their bones

More beautiful  
than sapphires

**BEAUTIFUL**

Withered like a  
stick

From “whiter than  
snow”



to “darker than  
blackness” (marg)



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# **“Sadden their own children”**

<b>Lam 1v5</b>	<b>Gone into captivity</b>
<b>Lam 1v15-16</b>	<b>Crushed, desolate</b>
<b>Lam 2v11</b>	<b>Infants swoon in the streets</b>
<b>Lam 2v12</b>	<b>Soul poured into mother’s bosom</b>
<b>Lam 2v19</b>	<b>Faint for hunger in the streets</b>
<b>Lam 2v20</b>	<b>Children a span long eaten as food</b>
<b>Lam 2v21</b>	<b>Young lie dead on ground</b>
<b>Lam 2v22</b>	<b>Those I swaddled are consumed</b>
<b>Lam 4v4</b>	<b>Dying of thirst and hunger</b>
<b>Lam 4v10</b>	<b>Boiled and eaten as food</b>
<b>Lam 5v13</b>	<b>Children fell under the wood</b>



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**“The Kings of the earth...would not have believed” v11-12**

**THEIR CITY WAS GONE**



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q Gen. 19. 25.  
2 Pet. 2. 6.  
r ch. 5. 12, 14.  
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u Is. 30. 5, 6.  
x Ex. 24. 10.  
y Job 28. 18.  
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c Job 19. 20.  
d Jer. 4. 13.  
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g Ezek. 12.  
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priests, <sup>r</sup> they favoured not the elders.

17 As for **us**, **our** eyes as yet failed <sup>t</sup> for **our** vain help: in **our** watching **we** have watched <sup>u</sup> for a nation *that* could not save **us**.

18 <sup>b</sup> They hunt **our** steps, that **we** cannot go in **our** streets: **our** end is near, **our** days are fulfilled; for **our** end is come.

19 **Our** persecutors are <sup>d</sup> swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued **us** upon the mountains, they laid wait for **us** in the wilderness.

20 <sup>f</sup> The breath of **our** nostrils, the anointed of **the LORD**, <sup>g</sup> was taken in their pits, of whom **we** said, Under his shadow **we** shall live among the heathen.

21 ¶ Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest



despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, <sup>d</sup> she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness is in her skirts; she <sup>o</sup> remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: <sup>k</sup> she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.

10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her <sup>3</sup> pleasant things: for she hath seen that <sup>p</sup> the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that <sup>r</sup> they should not enter into thy congregation.

11 All her people <sup>d</sup> sigh, <sup>x</sup> they seek bread; they have given <sup>z</sup> their pleasant things for meat <sup>5</sup> to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

12 ¶ <sup>e</sup> Is it nothing to you, all ye that <sup>r</sup> pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, <sup>e</sup> which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD <sup>i</sup> hath afflicted me <sup>k</sup> in the day of his fierce anger.

13 From above <sup>l</sup> hath he sent fire into

mine eye, mine eye, mine eye, down with water, because the comforter that should <sup>3</sup> relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

17 Zion <sup>l</sup> spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as <sup>o</sup> a menstruous woman among them.

18 ¶ <sup>r</sup> The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his <sup>5</sup> commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for <sup>y</sup> my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, <sup>z</sup> while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: <sup>b</sup> my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: <sup>d</sup> abroad <sup>e</sup> the

Jer. 25. 37  
ver. 17, 21  
ch. 3. 43.  
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Is. 29. 2.



# The Characters of the Drama

(1) Narrator (Jeremiah)	1v1-9a
(2) Jerusalem	1v9b
(3) Narrator (Jeremiah)	1v10-11a
(4) Jerusalem	1v11b-16
(5) Narrator (Jeremiah)	1v17
(6) Jerusalem	1v18-22
(7) Narrator (Jeremiah)	2v1-19
(8) (Passersby/Enemies)	2v15b,16b
(9) Jerusalem	2v20-22
(10) The man that has seen affliction	3v1-66
(11) (The afflicted one on behalf of the nation)	3v40-47
(12) Narrator (Jeremiah)	4v1-16
(13) Jerusalem	4v17-20
(14) Narrator (Jeremiah)	4v21-22
(15) Jerusalem	5v1-22

# Reflections and Regrets...

**v17** “Our eyes as yet failed”

JUST LIKE ZEDEKIAH THEIR FAILED KING WHO  
TURNED OUT TO BE WRONG! **II Kings 25v7**

**v17** “We have watched for a nation that could not save us”  
EGYPT WAS NOT THE FRIEND THEY THOUGHT AND  
JEREMIAH WAS RIGHT! **Jeremiah 37v7**

**v18** “Our end is come”

EZEKIEL WAS RIGHT! **Ezekiel 7v2,3,5,6(3x),7(2x),10,12**

**v19** “Our persecutors are swifter than eagles”

THE BABYLONIANS HAD COME “SWIFTER THAN  
EAGLES” AND JEREMIAH WAS RIGHT! **Jeremiah 4v13**

**v20** “The anointed of Yahweh was taken”

THEY HAD RELIED ON JOSIAH TOO HEAVILY AND NEVER  
DEVELOPED A PERSONAL FAITH! **Lam 2v4, II Chron 35v23**

# The Nation's Response

LAM 3

RESPONSE

LAM 5

**v19-21**

(1) Remember, recall to mind

**v1**

**v42**

(2) We have sinned, transgressed

**v7,16**

**v22**

(3) God's steadfast love and mercy are  
forever

**v19**

**v31**

(4) Yahweh will not cast off forever

**v20**

**v33-34**

(5) Yahweh will not utterly reject us or  
crush us

**v22**

**v40**

(6) Turn again to Yahweh

**v21**

LAM 3



**GREATLY INFLUENCES**



LAM 5

“thy **bruise** is great... who can **heal** thee” **Lam 2v13**

“and with his **bruise** (marg) are we **healed**” **Isa 53v5**

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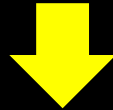
“all her gates are desolate” **1v4**

**THE CITY IS DESOLATE**



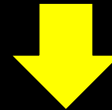
“he hath made me desolate” **1v13**

**I AM DESOLATE**



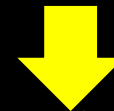
“my children are desolate” **1v16**

**MY CHILDREN ARE DESOLATE**



“They that did feed delicately are desolate” **4v5**

**THE PEOPLE ARE DESOLATE**



“the mountain of Zion, which is desolate” **5v18**

**GOD AND HIS MOUNTAIN ARE DESOLATE!!!**

# “His Sanctuary”

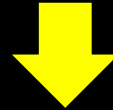
“the heathen have entered into her sanctuary” **1v10**

**DISBELIEF AT THE DESECRATION**



“He hath abhorred His sanctuary” **2v7**

**CONFUSION THAT GOD COULD ALLOW THIS**



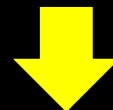
“Let us lift up our hands to God in the heavens” **3v41**

**GOD DWELLS IN THE HEAVENS NOT IN BUILDINGS**



“The stones of the sanctuary are poured out” **4v1**

**THE DESTRUCTION MUST BE GOD’S WILL**



“Thou O Yahweh remainest for ever” **5v19**

**GOD’S SANCTUARY CAN NEVER BE REMOVED!!!**

# “O Jerusalem Jerusalem!”

CHRIST	ALLUDES TO...	LAM
<b>Matt 23v35</b>	<b>(1)</b> Shed blood of the just	<b>4v13</b>
<b>Matt 23v38</b>	<b>(2)</b> House left to you desolate	<b>1v4</b>
<b>Matt 24v2</b>	<b>(3)</b> Stones poured out	<b>4v1</b>
<b>Mark 13v14</b>	<b>(4)</b> Enemy stand where they ought not	<b>1v10</b>
<b>Luke 19v41</b>	<b>(5)</b> Weeping over Jerusalem	<b>2v11</b>
<b>Luke 19v44</b>	<b>(6)</b> Children lying on ground	<b>2v21</b>
<b>Luke 21v23</b>	<b>(7)</b> Woe to those that give suck	<b>4v4</b>
<b>Luke 21v23</b>	<b>(8)</b> Distress and wrath upon the people	<b>2v1</b>
<b>Luke 23v28</b>	<b>(9)</b> “Daughters of Jerusalem”	<b>2v13</b>
<b>Matt 11v24</b>	<b>(10)</b> Punishment greater than Sodom	<b>4v6</b>

“where is **corn** and **wine**?” **Lam 2v12**

“Jesus took **bread**...and he took the **cup**” **Matt 26v26**



# "The cup shall pass to thee"

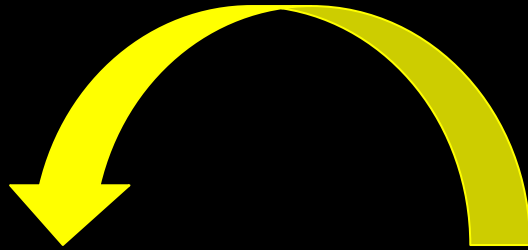
## LAMENTATIONS

## REVELATION

<b>1v1</b>	<b>(1)</b> A woman	<b>17v3</b>
<b>1v2,8-9</b>	<b>(2)</b> An adulterer	<b>17v1-2,5</b>
<b>4v5</b>	<b>(3)</b> Once clothed in fine scarlet	<b>17v4</b>
<b>4v13</b>	<b>(4)</b> Drunk with innocent blood	<b>17v6</b>
<b>1v1</b>	<b>(5)</b> Once a great city	<b>17v18</b>
<b>2v1</b>	<b>(6)</b> Now fallen	<b>18v2</b>
<b>5v18</b>	<b>(7)</b> Become a dwelling place for beasts	<b>18v2</b>
<b>1v1</b>	<b>(8)</b> Once a proud queen	<b>18v7</b>
<b>4v5</b>	<b>(9)</b> Once known for delicacies	<b>18v3,7</b>
<b>4v12</b>	<b>(10)</b> Lamentation made for it	<b>18v9-10</b>

**"How is Sheshach taken... how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!" Jer 51v41**

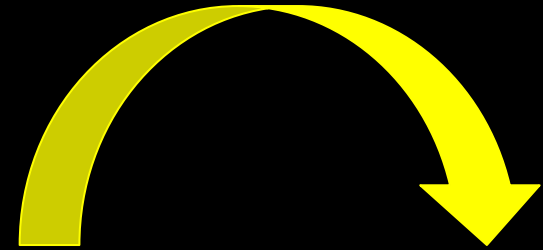
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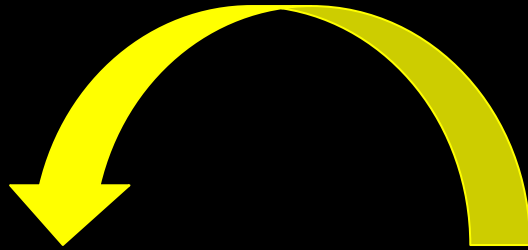
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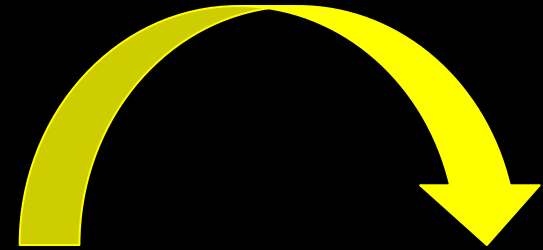
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## FELLOWSHIPPING HIS SUFFERINGS

**Philippians 3**





# “It behoved Christ to suffer”

(1) “Ought not Christ to have suffered these things...”

**Luke 24v26**

(2) “...And thus it behoved Christ to suffer”

**Luke 24v46**

(3) “But those things, which God had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer...”

**Acts 3v18**

(4) “Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead”

**Acts 17v3**

(5) “I continue unto this day, witnessing... that Christ should suffer, and be the first that should rise...”

**Acts 26v22-23**

# “It behoves us to suffer?”

(1) “...that **we** must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God”

**Acts 14v22**

(2) “For unto **you** it is given... not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake”

**Phil 1v29**

(3) “For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that **we** should suffer tribulation” **I Thess 3v4**

(4) “Yea, and **all that will live godly** in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”

**II Tim 3v12**

(5) “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try **you**, as though some strange thing happened unto **you**: ” **I Peter 4v12**



# Calamity builds Character

“Now no **chastening** for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the **peacable fruit** of righteousness, **unto them that are exercised thereby...**”

**Hebrews 12v11**

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse **temptations**; knowing that the trying of your faith **worketh** patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be **perfect**”

**James 1v2-3**

“That the **trial** of your faith... though it be tried with fire, might be **found** unto **praise and honour**”

**I Peter 1v7**

# The Hierachy of Suffering

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- (7) SUFFERING WITH JOY Rejoice to suffer **anything** to fill up/fellowship the sufferings of Christ **Phil 3v10, Col 1v24, I Pet 3v14**
- (6) SUFFERING WITH HOPE Suffer the loss of **all things** that we might win Christ **Phil 3v8**
- (5) SUFFERING WITH FAITH Suffer even **wrong things** because this is Christ's example **I Cor 6v7, I Pet 2v19-20, 3v17**
- (4) SUFFERING WITH LOVE Suffer **most things** because it may lead to saving others **II Cor 1v6, II Tim 2v9-10, Heb 13v12**
- (3) SUFFERING WITH IDENTIFICATION Suffer **more things** because it is "for his sake" **Phil 1v29, Acts 5v41**
- (2) SUFFERING WITH ACCEPTANCE Suffer **some things** because we trust it can build character **I Pet 4v19, I Tim 4v10, II Tim 3v12**
- (1) SUFFERING WITHOUT MEANING Suffering is endured as a **universal experience** irrespective of sins or merit **Luke 13v2, Mark 5v26**



# The Good of Suffering

“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God **meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive”

**Genesis 50v20**

“Who fed thee with manna in the wilderness...that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, **to do thee good** at thy latter end”

**Deut 8v16**

“It is **good for me** that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes”

**Psalms 119v71**

“And we know that all things **work together for good** to them that love God...”

**Rom 8v28**



# The Perfecting of Suffering

“For it became him, for whom are all things,  
and by whom are all things, in bringing many  
sons to glory, to make the captain of their  
salvation **perfect** through suffering”

**Heb 2v10**

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us  
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# The Glory of Suffering

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