

LAMENTATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

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- A. As the title suggests, this book expresses grief, sorrow, lament and anguish.
 - B. The picture of the distress of Zion after the siege by the Chaldaens.
 - C. Written in poem style, by an eye witness...Jeremiah the Prophet.
 - D. Probably written shortly after the Fall of Jerusalem.
 - E. THE PICTURE:
 - 1. "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people"...First statement of the Book.
 - 2. "But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us"...Last statement in the Book.
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Learned Too Little- Too Late

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- A. **The Human Family Is Slow To Learn!**
 - 1. People see suffering in others, but convince themselves that it will not be their lot.
 - 2. While the multitude fall in the abyss, they convince themselves that they will be able to safely walk by.
 - 3. Behold the end of those that have sinned before, yet continue to walk in their evil ways.
 - B. **Examples:**
 - 1. What happened to Adam and Eve...yet look at the action of CAIN.
 - 2. NOAH saw what happened to the people in the flood...but...drunk...also Ham.
 - C. **THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL!**
 - 1. Deliverance from Egypt.
 - 2. The many Tragedies that befell them.
 - 3. Yet they never learned the folly of sin.
 - D. **Lamentations....the account of Learning Too Little...Too Late.**
"My people are bent on backsliding from me:" (Hosea 11:7)
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SIN BRINGS SUFFERING

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- A. 1:1-11: Jerusalem...became filthy, because she sinned grievously. Yet she took no thought of her doom.
 - 1. **This book will forever stand as a reminder of the consequences of sin.**
 - 2. Israel took no thought of consequence of her sin...until it was too late!!
 - 3. The "Book" is a Lamentation for the plight of the people as result of sin.
 - 4. **"The Wages of sin is Death" (Romans 3:23).**
 - 5. With a broken heart, Jeremiah Laments this death.
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Sin Brings Suffering, cont.

B. THE MERCIES OF GOD:

1. In the midst of this is rich consolation.
2. *"The steadfast love of the lord never ceases."* v. 22. That such a beautiful expression of assurance in God's unfailing mercies should be found in Lamentations and in such a context is indeed remarkable and carries its own rich consolation.
3. **AGAIN:** "The wages of sin is death".....BUT ..."the Free gift of God is Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord". (Romans 6:23).

A CRY FOR HELP

A. Not so much from the people....as from Jeremiah for the people.

1. The need for help.
2. Seen in the destruction of the land and the people.
3. ****Transpose:** This from the **physical** to the **spiritual**.
from **Time** to **Eternity**.

B. Jeremiah would, that the people would cry for help.

1. "Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us."
2. "Behold our reproach."
3. Jeremiah wanted so much for it to be as it was in former times.
4. This was impossible without turning from their wicked ways and applying
their hearts to His commands.

FIVE DIVISIONS

- A. CHAPTER ONE: "The Way Of Wickedness".
- B. CHAPTER TWO: "The Wrath Of God".
- C. CHAPTER THREE: "The Weight Of Sorrow".
- D. CHAPTER FOUR: "The Want Of Help".
- E. CHAPTER FIVE: "The Wreck Of Iniquity".

Book Preserved Because

A. IT TEACHES US:

1. The Difference Between Sorrow for the consequence of sin and.....
2. Sorrow for sin. Sorrow for our sin.
- B. Blessed are they that mourn....For they shall be comforted..(explain)
 1. Godly Sorrow Worketh Repentance....
 2. Jeremiah's Sorrow....The People's Sorrow....See The Difference....
- C. This Book Will Stand Forever As A Reminder Of The Consequences of Sin.
It is a Book of Weeping...Because it is the account of learning too little too late.