



The God of Hope...

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Lamentations 3:24

The book of Lamentations...

	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
	Jerusalem's destruction	The anger of God	Jeremiah's grief and hope	The judgement of God	Jeremiah's prayer
Highlighted emotions	Loneliness Groaning	Anger Exhortation	Broken but hopeful	Desperate disappointed	Weary pleading
Prayers made	"See us" 1:20-22	"Look at us" 2:20-22	"Judge them" 3:55-66	"Avenge us" 4:20	"Restore us!" 5:21
Theme	Sorrow over sin, God's righteous judgement and hope in His mercy.				
Key verse	The Lord has done what he purposed; he has carried out his word... 2:17				
Christ in Lamentations	Jesus is portrayed through Jeremiah weeping over the sin of Jerusalem. (Luke 13:34-35)				

The Judgement of God...

God is the righteous Judge. His justice and holiness is perfect, and He has authority over all creation. God rewards righteousness, and punishes wickedness, in accordance with His divine law and moral order. In God's ability to judge righteously is a warning to the wicked and a promise of vindication and reward to the faithful.

- Jerusalem disobeyed God and received the consequence for their disobedience...
- They still saw hope in time of despair because God is true to His word and character.
- Let us be reminded that we will give account for every deed done in the body before Jesus Christ!!
- There is still time to make it right. God is able to restore.

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Hope in a time of despair is seen in the Book of Lamentations as it highlights the importance of a deep trust in God's faithfulness, mercy and God's ability to restore. From the emotions of grief, loss, and confusion experienced by the people of Judah we see rays of hope that is anchored in the character and promises of God. This truth beheld has the power to calm any heart within a storm of sorrow!

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Lamentations 3:24 (May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope... **Romans 15:13**)

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- **Hope in God's Faithfulness** - But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." **Lamentation 3:21-24**
- **Hope in God's Sovereignty and Justice** - For the Lord will not cast off forever, for though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men. **Lamentations 3:31-33**
- **Hope in Future Restoration** - Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old. **Lamentations 5:21**

Hear the words of Jesus Christ to you today...



Matthew 6:25-26

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

Conclusion...

- The Israelites although disobedient, knew their God!!
- They did not accept their destructive fate in silence, they called out to God believing in every promise of God.
- We must prioritize our seeking of the knowledge of God...
- No matter what and even why we are going through, we must be fully convinced of God's ability to save us if we genuinely call on him, repent and wait on Him. God is good.

Let us pray...