



The Judgement of God!!

The Lord has done what he purposed; he has carried out his word, which he commanded long ago; he has thrown down without pity; he has made the enemy rejoice over you and exalted the might of your foes... **Lamentations 2:17**

The book of Lamentations...

- The book written after Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem around 586BC does not expressly mention its author but is traditional attributed to Prophet Jeremiah the weeping prophet who witnessed the destruction of Judah. (2Chronicles 35:25)
- Lamentations carries a central theme of sorrow and hope revealed in five poems of lament that highlight the result of sin and God's righteous judgement while giving hope in times of despair because of God's unchanging love.
- The book served as a reminder to the people of Jerusalem not to disobey God and serves as a warning of eternal damnation to us today if we live contrary to the will of God.

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)				

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- Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns her face away... **Lamentations 1:8**
- The Lord has become like an enemy; he has swallowed up Israel; he has swallowed up all its palaces; he has laid in ruins its strongholds, and he has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation... **Lamentation 2:5**
- How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! The holy stones lie scattered at the head of every street... **Lamentations 4:1**

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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.

The plea for God to restore... "Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old"... **Lamentations 5:21**

Conclusion...

- 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.

Let us pray...