

Lamenting Outside and Inside
“From the Depths” Series
Lamentations 1
April 26, 2020
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In this passage God teaches us to understand and practice lament on the outside and inside of suffering.

The Text: Lamentations 1

1) Lamenting on the outside of suffering (vv. 1-11b)

2) Lamenting on the inside of suffering (vv. 11c-22).

Response

As apprentices of lament, we desire to see suffering in the world and our lives with the spectacles of the gospel.

Small Group Questions for Lamentations 1 (“From the Depth” Series)

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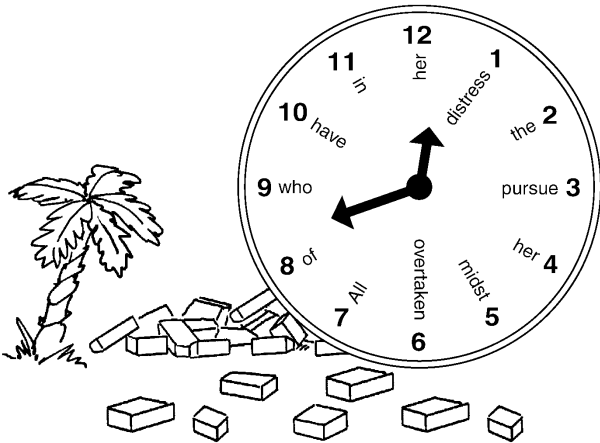
- 1) Starter Question: What was it like when a person you knew well or loved went through a time of pain and suffering?
- 2) Read all 22 verses of Lamentations 1. What is your reaction to the chapter as a whole?
- 3) What images or metaphors in the text stick out to you as powerful depictions of suffering, and why?
- 4) What does vv. 5 and 8 suggest about the role of the Lord in suffering, and how might this be a reflection of judgment?
- 5) What is the weeping woman (the city) asking at the end of v. 9 when she cries out to the Lord?
- 6) When the weeping woman begins her account at the very end of v. 11, how is her description in vv. 12-22 different, more personal?
- 7) What is the imagery in v. 14 describing?
- 8) How hard would it be to pray v. 18 to the lord in the midst of such suffering and loss?
- 9) How might Lamentations 1 teach us to open our eyes, ears, and hearts to the suffering of others?
- 10) How might Lamentations 1 help us lift our hearts toward God in our own suffering and not resort to fear, anger, or despair?

Further study this week: The laments of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels: Matthew 9:35-38 (Mon); John 11:28-37 (Tues); Luke 19:41-44 (Wed); Mark 14:32-42 (Thurs); Mark 15:33-39 (Fri).



What else happens to the "Daughter of Zion"?

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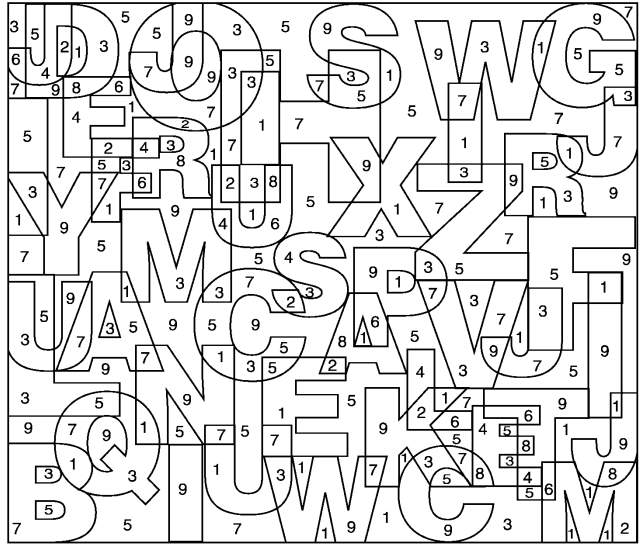
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The Deserted City

This Scripture talks about a city as if it were a woman, calling it the "Daughter of Zion." To what city does it refer?

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What does the Scripture say about the city?

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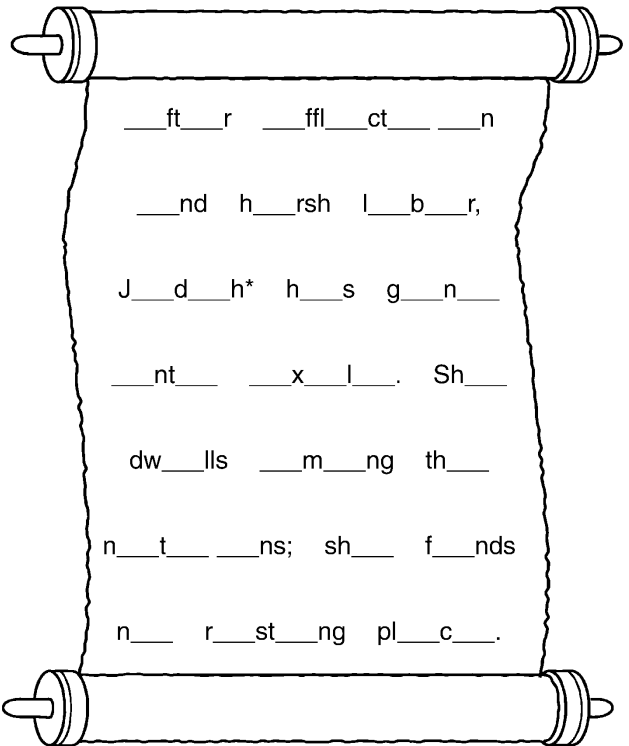
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What else does the Scripture say?

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*Judah is the nation of which Jerusalem was the main city.