

Old Testament PowerPoint presentation

Lamentations

Suggested Bible Reading: Lamentations 1: 1-21

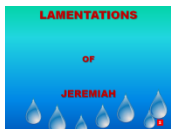
Note – we must remember that Jeremiah was the prophet of the broken heart. It is not surprising, therefore that this book is full of “laments”. Each of the five chapters is a kind of song or dirge in itself. Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 5 each have 22 verses, chapter 3 has 3 x 22 verses.

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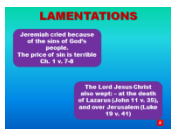
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– Lamentations – tears drop down = crying. Do we cry? And why. (cry for joy!) Lamentations ≠ of Jeremiah. ≠ to open →

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– Jeremiah ≠ cried because of the sins of his people. Remember – the price of sin is terrible. (Chapter 1: 1-8. Also Romans 6: 23) ≠ The Lord Jesus Christ also wept at the death of Lazarus (John 11: 35), and over Jerusalem (Luke 19: 41). ≠ to open →

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– Jeremiah identifies himself with Jerusalem (1: 12-14, 16), just as Christ wept over Jerusalem (Matthew 23: 37) Jerusalem is spoken of as being the “perfection of beauty”. But no longer. ≠ It is as if God had become the enemy of his people. (2: 5-9, 11) ≠ Jerusalem becomes the object of ridicule etc. (2: 15-16) ≠ God’s word is fulfilled (2: 17) – always fulfilled to the letter, and ≠ the disbelief of the nations (4: 12) – who do not know the ways and the power of God. ≠ to open →

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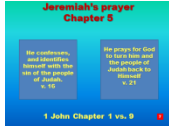
– Chapter 3 is about Jeremiah himself – his anger and frustration. ≠ His chain (burden) is restrictive. Remember him in prison? ≠ He feels targeted by God. ≠ He feels enclosed (as in a walled court yard. Remember the dungeon he was in? ≠ to open →

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- verse 21 of chapter 3 shows us that Jeremiah finds hope as he reflects on the love that God has for sinners that He punishes. His confidence is shown in verses 22-23 - ‡ Great is your faithfulness ‡ what a contrast between ‡ God's faithfulness and ‡ Judah's unfaithfulness! ‡ to open →

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– In chapter 5 we have Jeremiah's prayer. ‡ He confesses and identifies himself with the sin of the Judah (v.16). ‡ He prays to God to turn him and Judah back to Himself (v.21) Remember ‡ 1 John 1: 9 – If we confess our sins... How and where is that sin to be dealt with? >>> ‡ to open →

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– The Cross reminds us again that the Lord Jesus Christ has died for us, so that all who trust in Him and repent of their sin will receive forgiveness. How do you respond to chapter 1: 12 - ‡ - Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

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