

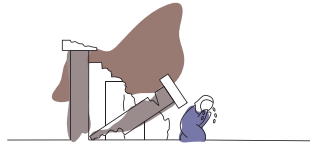
There were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah. Matthew 1:17

Illustrated Bible Timeline
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talk 1: The City of Tears

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A woman is weeping...



1. Who is she? (1:1-8)

2. What has happened? (Lamentations 1)

The news report (2 Kings 25:1-12)

The poet

None left	1:1-4
None to comfort	1:2,7,9,16,17,21
All the city	1:4,10
All the people	1:4,5,6,11,15,18,19 & 4:4-10

Implications for sufferers... grieve with God

"Look LORD..." (1:9,11,20)

"...pour out your heart like water, in the presence of the Lord" (2:19)

3. Why has it happened? (Lamentations 2)

The LORD did it	1:12-13, 2:1-7, 21-22
In judgment on their sin	1:18,20 see also 1:5,14,18,20,22 & 2:14
As promised	2:17

Implications for sinners..

Grieve over the judgement of God

(Some examples of Jesus' teaching on hell, Luke 16:24, Matthew 13:42, 18:34-35, 22:13, 24:50-51 & 25:41)

Grieve over our sin

Treasure the cross

Reflection

What did you discover in Lamentations?

What are you still curious about?

How will Lamentations change you?



Finding Hope in Tears

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22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3

<p>GRIEF 3:1-20</p>	<p>Verse 1 I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of the Lord's wrath...</p>
<p>HOPE 3:21-42</p>	<p>Verse 21 Yet this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope...</p>
<p>GRIEF & GOD'S JUDGEMENT 3:43-66</p>	<p>Verse 43 You have covered yourself with anger and pursued us...</p>

talk 2: The City Without Tears

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1. Jerusalem... the City of Tears



2. God's people long to return to Jerusalem (Lamentations 5)

A desperate national prayer (5:1,2-18,19-21)

Why does it end with God's anger? (5:22)

*"[Please let us return to Jerusalem], **unless** you have utterly rejected us." (forever)*

*"[Please let us return to Jerusalem], **even though** you have utterly rejected us." (currently)*

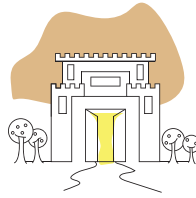
3. God's unbelievable mercy for Jerusalem





God's people return **to** Jerusalem (538BC: Ezekiel 37; 2 Chronicles 36:23; Ezra 3:12)

God's King returns **to** Jerusalem (Luke 2:38, 2:49, 4:9, 13:34, 19:38)

God's King dies **for** Jerusalem (Luke 13:34, 19:41, 23:44)



4. The New Jerusalem... the City without Tears

	 Old Jerusalem	New Jerusalem 
Where	A city in Israel	The heavenly city (Hebrews 12) The New Creation (Revelation 21)
Ruled by	A fallen King from David's line	The perfect King from David's line (God's son Jesus)
Ruled over	The Jewish nation	People from every nation
Result	Ended in Exile	It will never end

Lessons from Lamentations

1. We are more sinful than we realise (tears of repentance)
2. God's anger is more real than we like to think (tears of grief)
3. God is more merciful than we can imagine (tears of relief)
4. Heaven is more assured than we can grasp (tears of longing)

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