

## **Study Outline of Lamentations**

This is a book of sorrow and despair over the destruction of Jerusalem that explains both the causes and consequences of Judah's fall.

Chapter 1 – Jeremiah mourns the destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity that followed. Verses 5 and 8 give the reason for the punishment. Verse 19 shows that Judah's attempted political alliances did not help against Babylon.

Chapter 2 – A description of God's judgment on Judah. God had "bent His bow" against them (v. 4). While it was Babylon that destroyed them, God was their enemy (v. 5). Throughout the text of Jeremiah we read that God had risen up early and sent prophets. Now, there is no vision from God (v. 9). False prophets are mentioned (v. 14). God's will was done (v. 17). Note the terrible conditions (v. 20-21).

Chapter 3 – Verses 1-18 are full of despair from Jeremiah. His hope is recorded in verses 21-24. The prophet calls the people to repentance (v. 40-42).

Chapter 4 – The glory of Zion has faded. Verses 4-5 show the conditions. Verse 10 is an unbelievable description of the terrible results of the attack and captivity of Babylon. Verse 13 explains why things were this way.

Chapter 5 – Jeremiah's prayer for God's mercy. Notice verses 10-14.