

Passage: Lamentations

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Discovered:

- A book of poetry
- Jerusalem remembers better times.
- As a result of their sins, we've been crushed by the Lord's judgement.
- Priests & elders starved to death.
- All our enemies rejoice in our destruction, what we were warned about
- No mercy from the Lord.
- Our rulers brought down palaces & strongholds destroyed, wall destroyed, our elders sit in silence, our women are shamed, babies starve while the enemy rejoices.
- His promise of the destruction of Jerusalem was fulfilled.
- Pray to the Lord, pour out your heart. Tell Him we eat our children, the priests are killed in your house, the dead lie everywhere.
- Jeremiah laments his condition: wasting away, broken & filled with bitterness, I cannot escape.
- However, I HOPE because
 - His steadfast love never ceases
 - His mercies never end, new every morning.
 - Great is His faithfulness.
 - Lord is our portion
- I will wait quietly on the Lord.
- Even though He is the cause of our grief, He has compassion.
- Nothing occurs without the Lord putting it into motion.
- Do not complain about the consequences of your sins, examine your ways & return to the Lord.
- I call on the Lord & He hears my pleas.
- The Lord repays according to the work of our hands.
- His people are scattered, treated as worthless, children beg for food, wealthy now poor.
- It is better to be killed by the sword than to be hungry, for women boil their children
- The false prophets & leaders caused their destruction.
- Even the anointed (kings) have been captured.
- Our inheritance has been given away, we have nothing but must pay for everything
- Lord, you reign forever, we ask you to restore us to You.

Help me to remember:

to have HOPE, every day is a new day, your love endures forever!

Lord, I ask that

you fill my heart with hope & your love when the world seems bleak.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for . . .
the knowledge that nothing happens without your say-so.