

The Book of Lamentations

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we finish studying the book of **Jeremiah** – this time reading **chapters 39-52**. This section of **Jeremiah** is mainly historical – the fulfillment of his prophecies concerning the seige and downfall of Jerusalem. We can see this in the very first verse of **chapter 39**:

“This is how Jerusalem was taken...”

Although this last section acts like a historical epilogue to **Jeremiah**, it also records a number of prophecies, dealing with:

- ☞ Those seeking refuge in Egypt (**42:7-44:30**)
- ☞ Baruch, his secretary (**45:1-5**) – the shortest chapter in **Jeremiah**
- ☞ Egypt (**46:1-26**)
- ☞ Philistia (**47:1-7**)
- ☞ Moab (**48:1-47**)
- ☞ Ammon (**49:1-6**)
- ☞ Edom (**49:7-22**) – this prophecy parallels the book of **Obadiah**
- ☞ Damascus (**49:23-27**)
- ☞ Kedar and Hazor (**49:28-33**)
- ☞ Elam (**49:34-39**)
- ☞ Babylon (**50:1-51:64**)

The final words of Jeremiah are a prophecy against Babylon itself, the tool that God used to bring judgment against his people. It is likely that **51:64**, which says, “The words of Jeremiah end here,” was written by the compiler of **Jeremiah**.

The last chapter is an appendix to the book. Like **Kings** and **Chronicles**, it is based on the archival records available to the editor. Nobody knows who this final editor was, but Baruch is a likely candidate.

Let’s now complete our study of the book of **Jeremiah**, reading **chapters 39-52**.

Memory Verse

...for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

Your Fishing Kit

This is the fifth verse in your fishing kit. **Romans 3:23** is one of the most important verses in your Fishing Kit, for it describes the condition of every single person. This is the reason we are perishing (**John 3:16**) and why we need forgiveness and redemption (**Ephesians 1:7-8**). It also puts everyone in the same boat. The Bible says that *all* have sinned. Not just some. Not just the bad ones. This is a universal condition. We have *all* sinned and fallen short of the glory (high standard) of God.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16	Proverbs 14:12	John 1:12	Matthew 10:32-33
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	1 Corinthians 10:13
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	1 John 5:10
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	1 John 5:11
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 10:10	1 John 5:12
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 10:28	Romans 2:4-5
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	Romans 10:9	Acts 17:30
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	Romans 10:13	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	2 Corinthians 5:17	John 16:33
Isaiah 54:6	1 John 1:10	2 Corinthians 5:21	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.