

Lesson 25
The Lord's Anger for Judah and Jeremiah's Prayer for Mercy
Lamentations 2-3

Questions

1. What were some things that the Lord did to punish the people of Judah and Jerusalem for their sins (2:1-8)?

2. How did Jeremiah describe the destruction of Jerusalem (2:9-10)?

3. How did Jeremiah feel at this time and why (2:11-13)?

4. What did the false and foolish prophets do to bring about the Lord's judgment (2:14)?

5. What did Israel's enemies say about Jerusalem's fall (2:15-17)?

6. What did Jeremiah call upon the people to do (2:18-19)?

7. What happened to the different groups of people in Jerusalem (2:20-22)?

8. What are some ways in which Jeremiah described himself, his feelings, and what the Lord has done to him (representatively) and his people (3:1-18)?

9. How did Jeremiah feel in his present condition (3:19-20)?

10. What was it about the Lord's character that caused Jeremiah to have hope (3:21-26)?

11. What did Jeremiah say was good to learn in one's youth (3:27-30)?
12. What would the Lord not do (3:31-32)?
13. What did the Lord not approve of (3:33-36)?
14. What did Jeremiah say comes from the Lord (3:37-39)?
15. What did Jeremiah call upon his people to do (3:40-41)?
16. What are some things that the Lord had done to Jeremiah and his people and why (3:42-47)?
17. How did Jeremiah describe himself, his feelings, and how he had been treated by his enemies (3:48-54)?
18. What did Jeremiah do when he was persecuted and what did the Lord do for him (3:55-66)?

Digging Deeper

1. What does "Zion" mean and what does it refer to (2:1, 4, 6; etc.)?
2. What does it mean to "stretch out the (measuring) line" (2:8)?

3. What terrible act is described in Lamentations 2:20 (see also 4:10)?

4. What is “gall” and “wormwood” (3:5, 15, 19)?

5. What does Lamentations 3:27 mean?

Applications for Today

1. The Lord gets angry and shows his wrath toward his people who sin (2:1-8, 21-22; 3:1, 43; Rom. 2:5; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6).

2. It is good to weep over the sins of God’s people (2:11; 3:48-51; Jas. 4:7-10).

3. It is important to tell others of their sins and not try to hide them (2:14; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20).

4. The Lord always does what he purposes and commands (2:17; Rom. 9:11).

5. The Lord’s mercies and compassions are new every day (3:22-23, 32; Jude 21).

6. Great is the Lord’s faithfulness (3:23; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:18).

7. It is good for one to hope and quietly wait for the Lord (3:21-26, 29; 1 Pet. 1:21; 3:5).

8. It is good for young people to bear the yoke of discipline (3:27; Psa. 129:1-2).

9. The Lord punishes, but he also has compassion (3:32; Mt. 9:36).

10. Both evil (punishment) and good come from the Lord (3:38; Rom. 11:22).

11. The Lord punishes mankind for sin (3:39; Isa. 13:11).

12. It is good to admit one’s sins and turn to the Lord after sinning (3:40-41; 1 Jn. 1:9).

13. The righteous will have enemies (3:52; Acts 13:10).

14. Pray to the Lord when you are persecuted and he will punish your enemies (3:55-66; Rom. 12:17-21).