

THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

A study using 18 questions per chapter

The purpose of this study is to find out

What the Bible says.

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INSTRUCTIONS

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered. For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long. Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

The general opinion is that Jeremiah wrote this book. It is a book about the grieving of Jeremiah over the destruction of the City of Jerusalem. The meaning of the title is "Funeral Songs.

This book is unusual since chapters 1,2 and 4 all have 22 verses in them. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet and each chapter begins with the first letter, with the following verses beginning with the next letter of the alphabet. They call this an acrostic.

Jeremiah thinks about the total destruction of the City of Jerusalem and the temple. And he knows that this is the righteous judgment of God. Knowing that The Lord is merciful, Jeremiah prays for mercy in prayer to God.

Lamentations Chapter 1

Short Answers

1. What was Jerusalem seen before God punished her, and what has she become? _____ . Verse _____
2. What had Jerusalem's princes become like? _____ . Verse _____
3. What had the people bartered their treasures for? _____ . Verse _____
4. Why are Jerusalem's children desolate? _____ . Verse _____
5. What has happened because of Jerusalem's sins? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ All of Jerusalem's friends came to her to comfort her.
7. _____ All who honored Jerusalem despise her.
8. _____ God sent fire down on Jerusalem.
9. _____ All of Jerusalem's enemies do not understand that God is the one who is helping them.
10. _____ God had promised that the nations who came against Jerusalem would become like her.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in another)

11. _____ Did the one who was like a queen among the provinces become like a hired hand?
12. _____ Did the appointed feasts carry on?
13. _____ Did the invaders honor the temple and not enter into it?
14. _____ Was there a shortage of food in the city?
15. _____ Was there only death inside the city?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

Lamentations Chapter 2
Short Answers

1. What had God hurled down from heaven to earth? _____ . Verse _____
2. What happened to the gates of the city? _____ . Verse _____
3. What can the prophets no longer find? _____ . Verse _____
4. What happened to the children in the city? _____ . Verse _____
5. Where were the priests and prophets killed? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ God was like a burning fire that consumed everything around it.
7. _____ There was still the law that people obeyed in the city.
8. _____ People in the city sat on the ground in silence.
9. _____ The visions of the prophets were accurate all the time.
10. _____ The mothers in the city ate their children.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in another)

11. _____ Is the Lord like an enemy to Jerusalem?
12. _____ Did the walls waste away?
13. _____ Were the wounds of Jerusalem as deep as the sea?
14. _____ Was Jerusalem once called the perfection of beauty and joy of the whole earth?
15. _____ Should the people cry out in the night?

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Lamentations Chapter 3

Short Answers

1. How has God barred the way of the author? _____ . Verse _____
2. Why should a man bury his face in the dust? _____ . Verse _____
3. What is it that the Lord does not willingly bring to the children of men? _____ . Verse _____
4. What had God covered Himself with to keep out prayer? _____ . Verse _____
5. Against what did the author ask God to uphold? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The Lord drew His bow against the author.
7. _____ When the author called to mind all of the addiction etc. he had hope.
8. _____ Because of His unfailing love God will have compassion.
9. _____ When the author was in a pit, God told him to be afraid.
10. _____ Songs had been made to praise the author.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in another)

11. _____ Did the author think that God had turned His hand against him?
12. _____ Did the author forget what prosperity was?
13. _____ Should we wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord?
14. _____ If the Lord speaks does it surely happen?
15. _____ Does the author ask God to put a curse on his enemies?

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Lamentations Chapter 4

Short Answers

1. What had the Precious sons of Israel become? _____. Verse _____
2. What city was the punishment of City of Jerusalem greater than? _____. Verse _____
3. What had the compassionate women done? _____. Verse _____
4. What did the people think would happen in the Lord's shadow? _____. Verse _____
5. To whom will the cup of punishment be passed? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Jackles care for their young but the ostrich does not.
7. _____ Even though the children ask for bread it is not given to them.
8. _____ their princes had become black as soot.
9. _____ The Lord scattered the priests and prophets.
10. _____ The Lord promised Israel that her punishment will soon end.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in another)

11. _____ Are those who once ate delicacies now destitute in the streets?
12. _____ Are those who die of starvation better off than those killed by the sword?
13. _____ Did the kings of the earth think that Jerusalem could be taken?
14. _____ Was there any nation that could save Jerusalem?
15. _____ Were the Lord's people chased over the mountains?

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Lamentations Chapter 5

Short Answers

1. Who now had Israel's inheritance and homes? _____ . Verse _____
2. To whom did Jerusalem submit? _____ . Verse _____
3. What had the young men stopped doing? _____ . Verse _____
4. Why did Jeremiah say (Woe to us.)? _____ . Verse _____
5. How long will the Lord's throne last? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Water was free to all.
7. _____ Even though their fathers had sinned they were bearing their punishment.
8. _____ The women of Jerusalem and the women of the towns of Judah were raped.
9. _____ The women were the wood carriers.
10. _____ Jeremiah was positive that God would restore them.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in another)

11. _____ Did Jerusalem submit to foreign nations in order to get bread?
12. _____ Was the desert a place where they could easily get bread?
13. _____ Were the elders still gathering at the gate?
14. _____ Did Jeremiah say that they had sinned
15. _____ Where did Jeremiah want to be restored?

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