

The Saddest Funeral Ever Lamentations

Introduction:

The joy of laughter - Ecclesiastes 3:4, Proverbs 17:22

The sorrow of Jeremiah

The warnings in the book of Jeremiah

The fall of the kingdom of Judah in 586 B.C.

The reflections of Jeremiah in Lamentations

There are 5 poems

Chapters 1-4 are acrostics

The book is written in "limping meter"

- I. The devastation of Jerusalem 1:1-22
 - A. Its ruinous condition vv. 1-11
 - B. Its torment vv. 12-22

- II. The Lord's judgment on the city 2:1-22
 - A. God's righteous wrath vv. 1-9
 - B. The affliction of the city vv. 10-22

- III. The response of Jeremiah 3:1-66
 - A. His grief vv. 1-20
 - B. His faith vv. 21-41
 - C. His travail vv. 42-54
 - D. His prayer vv. 55-66

- IV. The circumstances of the siege 4:1-22
 - A. The conditions of the siege vv. 1-10
 - B. The cause of the siege vv. 11-20
 - C. The prediction of another siege (of Edom) vv. 21-22

- V. The prayer of Jeremiah 5:1-22
 - A. The repentance vv. 1-18
 - B. The request vv. 19-22

Concluding application: Matthew 23:37-38