

THE CRISIS OF SIN

Lamentations 1

Tonight we'll look at the raw reality of sin

I. THE PICTURE FROM WITHOUT (1-11)

- A reporter's view

A. THE REALITY OF JERUSALEM'S DESPERATION (1-7)

1. Barrenness (1)
2. Betrayal (2)
3. Bitterness (3-6)
 - No rest (3), joy (4), hope (5), or glory (6)
4. Brokenness (7)

B. THE REASONS FOR JERUSALEM'S DESTRUCTION (8-9)

1. Great Sin (8)
 - a. Multiple sins (see v. 5)
 - b. Marring sin: Becoming unclean
2. Great Shortsightedness (9)
 - a. About sin's contamination: It was in her skirts
 - b. About sin's consequences

C. THE RESULTS OF JERUSALEM'S DEFIANCE (10-11)

1. Precious things taken (10)
2. Precious things given (11)

II. THE PLEA FROM WITHIN (12-22)

- A resident's view

A. TO OTHERS (12-19)

1. Look at God's judgment (12-17)
 - a. I am hurting (12-13)
 - b. I am helpless (14-15)
 - c. I am hopeless (16-17)
2. Look at God's Justice (18-19)
 - a. The situation (18a)
 - God is righteous but I am rebellious
 - b. The sentence (18b-19)
 - Captivity, deception and starvation

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B. TOWARD GOD (20-22)

1. Confession (20)
 - a. My grief: My internal and external distress is deserved
 - b. My guilt: I have been very rebellious (cf. v. 18)
2. Petition (21-22)
 - a. Consider the unsympathetic (21a)
 - b. Judge the unsympathetic (21b-22)

CONCLUSION:***Sin creates ugly scenes of despair***

- Looking into it is ugly
- Looking out of it is ugly

Let us thank God for His cleaning from sin's crisis and corruption

“Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”
- Psalm 51:7

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