

DIVINE DISCIPLINE

Lamentations 2

Sin has consequences!

I. THE DEVASTATION (1-10)

- Because of God's anger ...
- Note His anger (v.1), wrath (v. 2), fierce anger (v. 3) and poured out wrath (v. 4)

A. THE LORD'S ACTIONS (5)

- Verse 5 provides a summary outline of verses 1-10

B. THE LORD'S AGGRESSION (1-5)

- Like an enemy ... swallowing up, throwing down, aiming at, pouring out and destroying

C. THE LORD'S ATTACKS (6-9)

- Swallowing up ... places, people, practices and precepts

D. THE LORD'S EFFECT (10)

- Multiplying mourners ... the old and the young

II. THE DESPAIR (11-17)

- Jeremiah's emotions

A. ANGUISH (11-13)

- A Heart-wrenching helplessness

B. FRUSTRATION (14)

- Due to faulty prophets (See Jer. 23:16-23) and people

C. HUMILIATION (15-16)

- From the mocking, gloating enemies

D. RECOGNITION (17)

- All of this is the result of God's sovereign control and design

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III. **THE DECLARATION** (18-22)

- Jeremiah's advise

A. PRAY TO GOD (18-19)

- Pour out your tears and your heart

B. PLEAD WITH GOD (20a)

- "See, O Lord, and look!"

C. PROMPT GOD (20b-22)

- With the cannibalism, carnage and catastrophe

IV. **SOME DECISIONS** - Application

A. BE AWARE

1. The reality is that the life-taking wrath of God is not unique nor isolated

2. Examples:

a. For greed - Num. 11:33-34

b. For irreverence - Num. 16:31-33

c. For impatience - Num. 21:4-6

d. For pride - II Sam. 24:15

e. For lying - Acts 5:5-10

f. For inconsiderateness - I Cor. 11:27-30

B. BE ENGAGED

1. Restore the fallen - Gal. 6:1-2

2. Rescue the perishing - Jude 22-23

CONCLUSION:

God punishes to purge and purify us

- "... He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share in His holiness."

- Hebrews 12:10 (NAU)

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