

Desolation and Misery

Lamentations 1:1-22

Outline

1. The Context & Geopolitical Background
2. The Text
 - a. Jeremiah's Description (1:1-11a)
 - b. Jerusalem's Plea (1:11b-16)
 - c. Jeremiah's Lament (1:17)
 - d. Jerusalem's Confession (1:18-22)
3. The Application

Weekday Application Questions:

- 1) Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?
- 2) Describe a time when you confessed a sin but didn't repent of a sin. What was the major difference between regret and repentance?
- 3) Why do you think our culture is so adverse to lamenting over sin?
- 3) Jerusalem rejected God. People around us reject God. Sometimes we reject God. "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?" (V. 12) Talk about how this call to repent displays the heart of Christ in the gospel.
- 4) Your "One Thing" this week is to consider areas in your life where you know God is calling you to repent. If Israel had repented to God's call, would they have faced the destruction described in Lamentations 1? Is God calling you to turn from sin to avoid the consequences? Don't just "pass by".