

**Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 62**

**Jeremiah 48 – 52, Lamentations 1 - 5**

**Hebrews 12 – 13, James 1 - 2**

**Jeremiah 48: Moab will fall**

**Key Point:**

God’s judgment will fall even on nations that do not acknowledge Him as God.

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**Key Verse - Jeremiah 48:42 (NLT)**

Moab will no longer be a nation, for it has boasted against the Lord.

**Jeremiah 49: Ammon, Edom, Damascus, Arabia and Elam**

**Key Point:**

God is not the God of Israel only, but all nations will answer to Him.

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**Key Verse - Jeremiah 49:1 (NLT)**

This message was given concerning the Ammonites. This is what the Lord says: “Are there no descendants of Israel to inherit the land of Gad? Why are you, who worship Molech, living in its towns?”

**Jeremiah 50: Babylon will fall**

**Key Point:**

Even the mightiest of empires (if they worship false gods, live in pride, and in cruelty) will be brought down and God’s prophecy will come to pass to the letter.

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**Key Verse - Jeremiah 50:1 (NLT)**

The Lord gave Jeremiah the prophet this message concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians. 2 This is what the Lord says: “Tell the whole world, and keep nothing back. Raise a signal flag to tell everyone that Babylon will fall! Her images and idols will be shattered. Her gods Bel and Marduk will be utterly disgraced.

**Jeremiah 51: Babylon will be a ruin**

**Key Point:**

God may use unbelievers to bring about His justice but they should not rejoice, for anyone who will not bend the knee to the Lord will know His judgment in the end.

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**Key Verse - Jeremiah 51:37 (NLT)**

and Babylon will become a heap of ruins, haunted by jackals. She will be an object of horror and contempt, a place where no one lives.

**Jeremiah 52: Summary of Jerusalem's fall****Key Point:**

As God said, the people would not listen to the call of the Lord to repent, but the prophecies teach us that our heart relationship with the living God is what matters – not outward shows of religion without repentance.

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**Key Verse - Jeremiah 52:1 (NLT)**

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

**Lamentations 1: We deserve it!****Key Point:**

The people were warned about the consequence of rebellion but they did not consider what that would feel like until it came upon them – which is true of our personal lives to this day. Heed the warning of God.

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**Key Verse - Lamentations 1:22 (NLT)**

“Look at all their evil deeds, Lord. Punish them, as you have punished me for all my sins. My groans are many, and I am sick at heart.”

**Lamentations 2: Leaders wouldn't confront sin.****Key Point:**

During the judgments of God, the savagery of sinful men is unrestrained, and the result is horrific. But this is the result of sin and God has warned it will come to pass.

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**Key Verse - Lamentations 2:14 (NLT)**

Your prophets have said so many foolish things, false to the core. They did not save you from exile by pointing out your sins. Instead, they painted false pictures, filling you with false hope.

**Lamentations 3: New every morning****Key Point:**

In the midst of judgment and suffering, it is right to bring God's mercy to mind and find hope. He will judge but He is also full of mercy and will make things right in the end.

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**Key Verse - Lamentations 3:22 – 23 (NLT)**

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. <sup>23</sup> Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

**Lamentations 4: The rich are brought low**

**Key Point:**

What we once took pride in will become ashes if we persist in rebelling against our Maker.

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**Key Verse - Lamentations 4:5 (NLT)**

The people who once ate the richest foods now beg in the streets for anything they can get. Those who once wore the finest clothes now search the garbage dumps for food.

**Lamentations 5: Remember our reproach**

**Key Point:**

It is an act of humility to see that our consequences do not automatically mean that God will turn things around for us – but we can call upon God to turn US around.

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**Key Verse - Lamentations 5:1 (NLT)**

Lord, remember what has happened to us. See how we have been disgraced!

**Hebrews 12: Run the race**

**Key Point:**

God allows the struggle and opposition in our lives to better us, so let’s press into the promises, refuse to draw away from God, and live a life of service and faith.

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**Key Verse - Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

**Hebrews 13: Imitate great faith**

**Key Point:**

Our salvation is assured by Jesus, so we should respond by living well. Works don’t save us, but works are a right response to being saved.

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**Key Verse - Hebrews 13:7 (NLT)**

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

**James 1: Christ: Slow to speak****Key Point:**

Controlling what we do makes what we say authentic so we need to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry.

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**Key Verse - James 1:19 – 20 (NLT)**

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

**James 2: Faith without works****Key Point:**

Real faith in God, from the heart, is not just an intellectual assent; the way to see that real faith is real loyalty to the Lord is that real faith will produce authentic actions.

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**Key Verse - James 2:17 (NLT)**

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless