

Lamentations
(Major Prophet)

Summary

Lamentations is a Hebrew poem. The hymn, “Great is thy Faithfulness”, refers to Lamentations 3:22-23. As the title suggests, the book is about pain and suffering, but not without hope in God. Lamentations is a poetic expression of the pain of sin’s consequences. It is a reflection of the destruction a prophet saw.

Author and Date:

The author is unknown but could possibly be Jeremiah. The author isn’t listed anywhere in the book. 586 B.C.

Audience/ Setting:

Israelites; those who saw Jerusalem conquered by Babylon. The exiled people of Judah. Written in Babylon, after the destruction of the city of Jerusalem. This occurred right around the time after Jerusalem had been destroyed by Babylon and its people killed, tortured, and taken captive.

Purpose:

Make readers aware that the consequences of sin brings grief and sorrow to those who love God. Despite sins consequences, God’s mercy and grace never end. Lamentations teaches people that to disobey God brings disaster, but it also shows that God mourns with His people.

Key People:

Jeremiah and the people of Jerusalem

Key Places:

Jerusalem

References

NLT Application Study Bible
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