INTRODUCTION

- Jeremiah is traditionally recognized as the author.
- Lamentations is a collection of 5 poems in 5 chapters expressing grief over the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. under the hands of the Chaldeans (aka Babylonians), and confessing at the same time that her calamities were the just consequence of her sins.
- The poetic form is alphabetical (22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet), all except the 5th chapter, as some of David’s psalms are; each verse begins with a letter in the order of the Hebrew alphabet; the first Aleph, the second Beth, etc; but the 3rd chapter is a triple alphabet, the first three beginning with Aleph, the next three with Beth, etc., which was a memory aid.
- Lamentations was written in such a poetic fashion as to make it very easy to memorize for long term retention.
- Why would God want His people to remember the bad things which happened to them in their past?
- Aren’t we suppose to “forget those things which are behind and reach forward to those things which are ahead”?
- Recall ‘the heart of the wise is in the house of mourning’...Eccl 7:4
- In other words, people often learn more from their failures.

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Yes, we should move past our sins once we have dropped them at the Cross by turning away from our past sinful behavior and opting to live for Christ. Repent early to receive less of God’s wrath and more of His blessings.

NEXT WEEK: Romans 1. Romans is often considered the most difficult book in the New Testament because of its numerous doctrines, its blunt approach, and its legalese. Chapter 1 deals with grace, faith, praying, the gospel, excuses to the gospel, homosexuality, depravity, and death – all within 32 verses.

Lamentations Repentance

- Lam 1:1-22
  - No One Considers the Consequences of their Sins
  - Lam 2:1-22
  - God Did What He Said He Would Do

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Note:
Sexual sins are treated differently by God

- God wiped out whole nations for their immoralities (Noah’s contemporaries, Sodom & Gomorrah, the earlier inhabitants of the Promised Land)
- ...and God laid waste to Israel due to their sexual sins – they did worse than their neighbors...Ezek 5:6
- Flee immorality, Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body,.................1Cor 6:18
- vv2. 7. God promised to destroy His temple (His footstool – 1Chron 28:2; Ps 99:5, 132:7)
- v14. The preachers failed to ‘expose their sins’ and restore them to health
- v17. God accomplished His word which He commanded from days of old.............Exodus 15:26
- v7. The younger generation pays for the sins of its parents. Is this occurring TODAY? HOW?
- v20. Why does God Forget & Forsake His people?
- The answer is due to our sins.................Mark 15:34
- v21. Restore us O Lord when your wrath is complete