

Hope in God
Lamentations 2:19-24

1. The context of Lamentations is Jeremiah's lament over God's judgment of Jerusalem. The city he loves is being torn apart.
 - a. According to Deuteronomy 28, what is the reason for this judgment?

 - b. What does Jeremiah see happening around him (you can read the book of Lamentations for this answer)?

 - c. What does this tell us about the compassion of God's prophets towards the people they are proclaiming judgment over?

2. In Lamentations 3:1-17, Jeremiah's focus turns from what he sees around him to the impact it is having on him personally.
 - a. To whom does Jeremiah attribute the cause of his suffering (see 3:1-17)?

 - b. What does Jeremiah conclude in 3:18?

 - c. What does this passage teach us about acknowledging a trial, and the deep suffering and grief it brings?

3. Read Lamentations 3:19-24
 - a. What is Jeremiah doing in verse 19-20 in regard to his trial?

 - b. What does Jeremiah do in 3:21 that changes what he expressed in 3:18?

 - c. On what does Jeremiah focus in 3:22-23?

 - d. In spite of no change in circumstances, what gives Jeremiah hope (see 3:24)?