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THE COST OF SEPARATION

Looking over the utter devastation
of what is left in Jerusalem
leads Jeremiah to lament
and weep at all he sees

But there's **hope**, even in exile
God's purpose wasn't to
abandon His people, but to
bring them back to Himself

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HEARTACHE IN EXILE

Lamentations 1:1

The Book of Lamentations
opens with a cry of
astonishment and grief
(Jeremiah is stunned by the
sight that is before him)

Every corner of the city told a story
of rebellion's high cost

Lamentations 1:2-6

“Weeps bitterly” = literally means,
“Weeping, she weeps”
(speaks of continuous sobbing;
being heartbroken beyond repair)

“Affliction” = deep humiliation
(those who were proud now walk
with hung heads)

All of this grief is at the hand
of the Lord (God caused this)

Lamentations 1:7-11

Being destroyed and displaced
had led Judah to sit in ashes,
replaying all the memories of
how life once was

From a grief-stricken, broken heart,
Jeremiah evaluates his
circumstances and he begs for
God's mercy

Lamentations 1:12-17

Judah's unfaithfulness toward God
had brought great pain and distress
upon Jeremiah

Jeremiah was desperately
searching for a Comforter
(the Comforter which Jeremiah
longed for – through Christ we
have received Him)

John 14:16-17

“Helper (Comforter)” = one who is
called alongside to help

Lamentations 1:18-22

Lamentations Chapter 1 ends
exactly where repentance begins
(all the tears and grief drove
Jeremiah to the Gospel)