

Sermon Title: **“HEARTACHE IN EXILE”**

Lamentations 1:1-22

- Looking over the utter devastation of what is left in \_\_\_\_\_ leads \_\_\_\_\_ to lament and weep at all he sees
- But there’s \_\_\_\_\_, even in exile God’s purpose wasn’t to \_\_\_\_\_ His people, but to bring them back to Himself
- The Book of \_\_\_\_\_ opens with a cry of astonishment and \_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah is stunned by the sight that is before him)
  - Every corner of the city told a story of rebellion’s \_\_\_\_\_
- “Weeps bitterly” = literally means, “Weeping, she weeps” (speaks of \_\_\_\_\_; being heartbroken beyond repair)
- “Affliction” = deep \_\_\_\_\_ (those who were proud now walk with hung heads)
- All of this grief is at the hand of the Lord (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ had led Judah to sit in ashes, replaying all the memories of how life once was
  - From a grief-stricken, \_\_\_\_\_, Jeremiah evaluates his circumstances and he begs for \_\_\_\_\_
- Judah’s unfaithfulness toward God had brought \_\_\_\_\_ and distress upon Jeremiah
- Jeremiah was desperately searching for a \_\_\_\_\_ (the Comforter which Jeremiah longed for – through Christ we have \_\_\_\_\_)
- “Helper (Comforter)” = one who is \_\_\_\_\_ to help
- Lamentations Chapter 1 ends exactly where \_\_\_\_\_ begins (all the tears and grief drove Jeremiah to \_\_\_\_\_)