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Message Info

Title:

Weep

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Scriptures:

Lamentations 2

Theme: Weep long in sorrow and do not mock God.

Introduction: In 600 BC, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem for the first time. King Jehoiachin was enslaved, and Zedekiah became king in his stead. When Zedekiah—who “did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”—became king, he tried to lead a rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar would not be mocked, and he overthrew Jerusalem for good in 586 BC. Jehoiachin, Zedekiah, and Israel mocked Nebuchadnezzar, but they were primarily mocking God. Their sin, and every human’s sin before and after them, is an attempt at mocking God, and all sin will receive its due—judgment from God. This is the context that Lamentations is written in.

Lamentations 2 can be taken in three parts:

1. Tremble at the Enemy-Warrior (1–10)

- In Lamentations, the Lord is described as the enemy who has gone to war with Israel.
- He brings down kingdoms and rulers (v. 2), cuts down their might (v. 3), and lays the temple to waste (v. 6).
- Lamentations 2 fills out our understanding of who God is—the righteous ruler of the world who is wrathful against sin.
- God is the only one who deserves submission, obedience, and worship.

2. Heed the Shadow of Judgment (11–17)

- In this section, the author turns from observing what the Lord is doing to his own personal sorrow.
- This judgment on Jerusalem, like all previous judgments, is a shadow of the final judgment to come.
- The author cannot comfort the people, because they believed the false prophets and only wished to hear positive words.
- Although the author cannot comfort God’s people, Jesus comforts his people through his death and resurrection.

3. Grieve Sin Earnestly (18–22)

- The author begins to exhort Israel toward repentance.
- He encourages them to “let tears stream” as they repent.
- Israel complains that God’s justice was too harsh, but Christians should bring their complaints to God and submit to his providential wisdom.

Questions:

1. How does Lamentations 2 add to your understanding of who God is?
2. Where do you see God’s people trying to avoid speaking hard words or avoid being in conflict with the world today?
3. What sin or complaints do you need to bring to God?