

Calculating Calamity

Lamentations 4:1-22

An examination of the calamity suffered in Jerusalem's downfall reveals...

1 The Identifiable Causes

2 The Unimaginable Consequences

3 The Inviolable Conclusion

Applications:



Group Discussion and Application

1. Jerusalem's suffering had clearly identifiable causes calling for response. When the causes of suffering are not easily identifiable, how should we respond?
2. The spiritual leaders of Judah were compromising God's Word (2:14; 3:14, cf., Jer 14:13). How is the Word of God compromised in our day?
3. What are some ways leaders today may be guilty of misleading people?
4. In practical terms, what are some of the results when leaders mislead?
5. If members of the church are to submit to their leaders (Heb. 13:17), how can the congregation hold leaders accountable?
6. Instead of turning to God, Jerusalem sought human help to rescue her. What are some of the man-made solutions people today seek to solve problems and rescue them from trouble and suffering?
7. What are some of the passages of Scripture that bring you comfort in the midst of suffering and sorrow?
8. Jerusalem suffered incalculable calamity as a result of her sin, but in the end found hope in God's faithfulness to His covenant promises (v. 22a). What is the application for the believer today?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. How does Lamentations 4 apply to you? Write your own personal application and a specific plan of action to implement the lesson.
2. In preparation for our next study, read Lamentations 5.



Family Homework

1. Make a list of passages that provide hope and comfort in the midst of suffering and sorrow.
2. Each day, select one of these verses to discuss as a family. Consider personal applications.
3. Select one of these verses to memorize this week.