

25-Lamentations-2

0:44: Well, greetings, brethren.

0:45: Welcome to another Unleavened bread, Bible study.

0:48: I'm in, in the habit of saying Wednesday night Bible study.

0:52: Welcome to another Bible study as we go through and count the days of unleavened bread.

0:57: We are just coming into the 5th day of unleavened bread as we close out the 4th, and Pastor Murray has started the count from the wave sheaf leading up to Pentecost.

1:08: So we're just heading into the 2nd day in that count, and both he and Pastor Gary Monks.

1:14: will be guiding us through that count, appreciate their service.

1:19: This evening, I'll open with a word of prayer, and then we will cover Lamentations chapter 2.

1:27: Loving Father, we bow before you and just thank you so much for Your loving kindness, your, your covenant love, your faithfulness, and we read these scriptures now.

1:42: The lament the five laments.

1:45: And we just see the intense pain.

1:48: that the covenant community suffered.

1:51: And it does beg the question, how, how did this happen, but also how is it that these people are not completely destroyed, and we know the answer is because of the gospel, the good news that you're a covenant keeping God.

2:05: We praise you, Father.

2:06: We just thank you so much for this knowledge and this understanding, and we pray, Father, that you'll deepen our faith, deepen our conviction, and broaden our ability to preach the true gospel.

2:19: We praise you, Lord.

2:19: We thank you so much.

2:21: We ask your blessing in Jesus' name.

2:23: Amen.

2:24: All right, let me just check and see that I am coming through loudly and clearly.

2:28: Thank you so much, Pastor Murray.

2:31: I think we have less numbers today.

2:32: Again, it's an unusual for us to be studying during the, during the week, but I want to do this, and it will be in the archive for anyone who's interested, but greetings, Pastor Murray, I see you here, Chaw Jaws, Lisa Palmettier as well.

2:47: Nice to see you, sister.

2:49: Someone from CJ Burlington, nice to see you.

2:52: And JD and others who are here but not logged in.

2:56: All right, let's get into chapter two.

3:00: We, we opened the day before yesterday with chapter one, and I should share my screen here, hopefully it will share.

3:10: I should have done this beforehand, but let me just make sure I can get it to share.

3:15: Should be able to do this.

3:18: Let's see.

3:22: Sometimes it gives me trouble.
3:24: There we go.
3:25: I should be able to share.
3:27: You should be able to see my screen now.
3:29: Very, very good.
3:32: let me, what I've done here, I'll, I'll read from the King James.
3:35: I'll have the Hebrew here just so that you can see the acrostic.
3:39: This chapter, like chapter one, has 22 verses, cause there's 22 letters in the Elephet or the Hebrew alphabet, and each verse is the next letter in the Alephabet.
3:53: And it's just amazing.
3:54: So chapters 12.
3:57: 4 and 5 have 22 verses, chapters 123, and 4, or say, let's say 12, and 4 have the 22 verses, each verse being, starting with a letter, the first letter of, or the letter of the alphabet.
4:14: Chapter 3 is different.
4:16: It is an acrostic.
4:20: But It has 66 verses.
4:24: So it goes through the Hebrew alphabet 3 times, so it has 3 verses for each letter in the alphabet.
4:33: That's 66 in chapter 3, and then chapter 5 is not an acrostic, although it is limited to 22 verses, the number of letters in the alphabet, the Hebrew alphabet, but It's not an acrostic.
4:48: It's, it's sort of like this, how will I describe it?
4:51: It seems to me that the good news is embedded in chapter 3, and we have to plumb the depth of the sorrow to get to the good news, to get to that place where we realize God's covenant faithfulness.
5:05: And then the grief continues in 4 and 5, and it's like chapters 123, and 4, the prophet is holding it together with this, this structured grief.
5:16: And, and this ability to express his grief from we'd say from A to Z or from A to Z, or from Ole to Tav, from Alpha to Omega, from beginning to end, a thorough expression of the grief, and then it's, it's structured, so it, it's sort of this awareness that the grief is ordained.
5:37: And then in chapter 5, and I'm just interpreting this, it's not, I'm not saying it is so.
5:45: In chapter 5.
5:47: It's like he can't control it anymore.
5:50: All the grief is just fully freely expressed, but still it's within the overall structure of God's plan.
6:00: So with that, let's, let's start with chapter two, like chapter one, it begins with the word how.
6:06: In Hebrew, and that is how the book is named in the Hebrew Bible, how it's it's always started with the first word of the book, that's how it's entitled, and I love this title.
6:22: I, I think this is a better title than Lamentations.
6:25: We get lamentations because when it was translated to Greek, the title they gave to the book was Tears, and then when it was translated to Latin, the title they gave it in Latin or translating tears into Latin was lamentos or some little tears in Latin is like lamentations.
6:44: So then when we translate it to English, we get lamentations.
6:47: Lamentations is good, but I think how is better.

6:51: Because it begs the question, how did this happen?
6:56: And it also begs the question, how will they recover from this?
7:00: How will God recover and keep his oath to Abraham, while keeping his covenant with Moses.
7:09: So, verse one of chapter 2.
7:13: How has the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger?
7:21: And cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel.
7:25: And remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger.
7:30: Let's read this in the complete Jewish Bible.
7:33: How enveloped in darkness Adonai, in his anger, has made the daughter of Zion.
7:40: He has thrown down from heaven to earth the splendor of Israel, forgotten his footstool, the sanctuary, on the day of his anger.
7:50: How has this happened?
7:53: This is the answer to, you know, why, how did this happen, we go to the Torah, listen to what Moses wrote in Leviticus 26, beginning in verse 26.
8:03: God says through Moses, and when I have broken the staff of your bread, the complete Jewish Bible renders this, I will cut off the supply of bread.
8:14: That 10 women will bake your bread in one oven and dole out your bread by weight carefully, and you will eat but not be satisfied.
8:25: Verse 27, and if you will not hearken for and if you will not for all this hearken unto me.
8:33: But walk contrary unto me.
8:36: Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury.
8:40: This is how, how did this happen?
8:43: Well, God told you if you walk contrary to me, I'll walk contrary to you in fury, and I, even I will chastise you seven times for your sins, and you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.
9:00: This is entering into covenant with God is a serious matter.
9:05: And God told them this is what's going to happen, and Joshua warned them, you can't serve the Lord.
9:10: He's a jealous God.
9:11: You're entering into covenant with Him.
9:14: He says, you'll eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you'll eat.
9:19: And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.
9:31: The Hebrew, the complete Jewish Bible renders this, I will detest you.
9:36: That's the relationship that God at this point has with His covenant people.
9:42: And I will make your cities waste.
9:45: And I'll bring your sanctuaries unto desolation.
9:49: And I will not smell the savor of your or the savor of your sweet odors.
9:56: And I will bring the land into desolation, as God promised I will do this.
10:01: So lamentations is showing the faithfulness of God to His word.
10:06: And your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.
10:11: And I will scatter you among the heathen and will draw out a sword after you.
10:16: And your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

10:21: So how did this happen?

10:22: Well, they willingly entered into covenant with God and then they violated the covenant.

10:29: But God is not violating the covenant.

10:31: God is doing exactly what the covenant said.

10:33: If this, then this.

10:34: If this, then that.

10:37: Lamentation 2 verse 2.

10:43: The Lord has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, everywhere where Jacob dwelt.

10:51: And has not pitied.

10:53: He has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah, and strongholds is where you are able to keep your city safe.

11:05: God has seen to it personally to tear down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah.

11:11: He has brought them down unto the ground.

11:14: He has polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

11:18: He has cut off.

11:21: In his fierce anger All the horn or the power of Israel.

11:28: He has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy.

11:32: And he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire which devours round about.

11:38: God is the one doing this to Jacob.

11:42: He has bent his bow like an enemy.

11:44: He's aiming specifically at the house of Israel.

11:47: He has bent his bow like an enemy.

11:50: He stood with his right hand as an adversary and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion.

12:00: So if you were to go into the tabernacle and you would see young men, young women, well dressed, beautiful, the glory of Israel.

12:10: And, and God has slain them Himself.

12:13: He has seen to it to their destruction.

12:16: He poured out his fury like fire.

12:20: Psalm 87, which is quite a contrast and quite sad, all of this God is doing to Zion, but listen to what he says in Psalm 87 and verse 2 and 3.

12:32: Jehovah loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

12:38: He loves the dwellings of Jacob, but he loves the gates of Zion more.

12:43: Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God, and we have a hymn that sings of the beauty of Zion.

12:51: But look what God is doing to Zion.

12:53: Because they have violated the covenant, it was never intended to be this way.

12:59: Verse 5.

13:00: The Lord was as an enemy.

13:03: He has swallowed up Israel.

13:05: He has swallowed up all her palaces.

13:08: He has destroyed his strongholds and has increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

13:16: Complete Jewish Bible says he has multiplied mourning and moaning, just pure suffering.

13:24: These, these are people's lives.

13:27: These are the people who had the covenant with Jehovah, who Yehovah intended to raise above everyone on the planet, to look to them, to understand the wisdom of the Torah, and he has done this.

13:42: He is the one that's multiplied, mourning and moaning, that they just feel the suffering.

13:50: In Jeremiah, who's the author of Lamentations, he writes and warned them.

13:56: In chapter 15 and verse 1, then Jehovah said the Lord unto me, Although Moses and Samuel, Moshe and Shmuel, Although Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people.

14:17: How bad was it?

14:19: How bad was it in in Judah, in the southern kingdom?

14:24: For God to say, even if Moses himself and Samuel himself pleaded for them, they wouldn't change my mind to destroy these people.

14:33: What were they doing sacrificing their children to Molech?

14:37: What were they doing, going into the temples of Ishtar, engaging in religious prostitution, all forms of idolatry.

14:48: What, how, how bad was it for God to say, even if Moses and Samuel and Moses successfully pleaded with God, If Moses and Samuel stood before me to plead on their behalf, I wouldn't listen.

15:03: Although Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people.

15:09: Cast them out of my sight.

15:11: And let them go forth.

15:13: In chapter 30 and verse 14, Jeremiah writes, all your lovers have forgotten you.

15:20: So Israel was so famous, so beautiful.

15:25: So powerful that everybody wanted to do business with her.

15:29: And you think of Solomon with all of these wives, making all of these unions, political unions with all these nations all around.

15:37: And now, what's happened with these alliances?

15:45: Jeremiah writes, all your lovers have forgotten you.

15:48: They seek you not.

15:49: They want nothing to do with you, for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy.

15:55: With the chastisement of a cruel one.

15:58: Because of the multitude of your iniquity, because your sins were increased.

16:05: The question is how?

16:07: Here's the answer.

16:08: This is how.

16:10: Lamentations 2:6, and he has, I'm sorry, I should have been, I wanted to just call out the Hebrew Alephed each time we, we begin a new verse, but you, you get the idea, it's highlighted here in, in the Hebrew, and he has violently taken away his tabernacle.

16:29: As if it were of a garden.

16:32: He has destroyed his palaces of the assembly.

16:36: The Lord has caused the solemn feast and Sabbath to be forgotten in Zion, and I think that you get this sense of a harvest and setting up a temporary dwelling, but tearing it down afterwards.

16:48: And the Lord has caused the solemn feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion.

16:55: That that's, that's the the the the, the shofar should be blown, the trumpet should be blown, the people should be gathering for the hog, gathering to worship God, and God is the one who has put an end to these feasts.

17:09: In the north, Amos through Amos, he said to them, I hate your feasts.

17:13: I hate your solemn assemblies.

17:16: And no doubt they were keeping the feast of Unleavened bread just as we are today, and God says he couldn't stand it, and so he put a stop to it.

17:26: The Lord has caused the solemn feast and Sabbath to be forgotten, the weekly Sabbath.

17:30: They couldn't keep it anymore.

17:31: And has despised in the indignation of his anger, the king and the priest.

17:38: He despises them, wants nothing to do with them.

17:41: Isaiah speaks of Judah, to say, and now go to, I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

17:49: My garden.

17:50: I will take away the hedge thereof, the protection of it, and it shall be eaten up and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down.

18:01: So the wall of Jerusalem was breached.

18:04: Torn down and Nebuchadnezzar could now have his way.

18:07: These cities anciently were protected by massive walls.

18:11: The Jericho was protected by a massive wall.

18:14: And God tore it down, so that Judah, the, the tribes of Israel could have their way with Jericho.

18:21: Jerusalem was protected by a massive wall.

18:24: God saw to it that it was broken down.

18:27: So Nebuchadnezzar could have his way with Judah.

18:30: You know, today we don't have these cities that have these massive walls and you have to go through the gate to get in.

18:38: Because the cities now run into each other, we have these highways, inter interstate or interprovincial highways.

18:47: And so we don't have walls around our cities.

18:50: We have countries that supposedly have borders.

18:55: And those borders are our walls.

18:58: And so when we see our leaders, our elites.

19:03: Opening the borders and letting anybody in.

19:07: In my opinion, this is my view, my opinion, this is God orchestrating our downfall.

19:15: The same way he orchestrated the downfall of Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, but he saw to it that their walls were torn down, that their walls were breached.

19:23: The enemy did it, but God says he's the one that used the enemy to do it.

19:28: And we don't have these walls, but we do have borders and we have passports, and we have border patrol.

19:34: And so the idea that we'll just open up our borders and let anybody in, well, and, and globally, just suddenly in the last 10 years, all the Western nations agreed together, open the borders.

19:48: That's, that's spiritual.

19:50: That's, that's supernatural.

19:52: Lamentations 2:7.

19:54: So this suffering that we see is the result of open borders.

19:59: Of walls collapsing, which is really the result of rebellion against God.

20:05: So we have rebellion against God, the, the protection is taken away, the borders are opened, and then we have the sword on the land.

20:13: Lamentation 2:7, Jehovah has cast off his altar.

20:18: He has abhorred his sanctuary.

20:21: He has given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces that the border control.

20:28: They have made a noise in the house of Jehovah, as in the day of a solemn feast.

20:33: So, it sounds like the the solemn feasts were very celebratory, very loud, lots of, lots of noises made in celebration.

20:41: Well, this isn't celebration, this is a different type of noise.

20:45: Jehovah has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion.

20:50: God is the one.

20:52: That she's sitting pretty.

20:53: She's behind her border.

20:56: Excuse me, and God is the one that says, no, I, I've had enough.

21:00: I'm going to tear down this border.

21:02: I'm going to open up this border.

21:03: I'm going to tear down this wall.

21:05: Jehovah has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion.

21:10: He has stretched out a line.

21:12: He has not withdrawn his hand from destroying.

21:16: Therefore, he made the rampart, the, the, the trench, and the wall to lament.

21:22: He, he's the one that caused this.

21:25: They languished together, so normally you would have this protection.

21:29: God is the one taking it away.

21:32: Her gates are sunk into the ground.

21:35: He has destroyed and broken her bars.

21:38: Her king and her princes are among the Gentiles.

21:42: That's exactly what God said would happen.

21:44: Moses warned.

21:45: If you disobey, this is what's going to happen, and this is what has happened.

21:49: The Torah is no more.

21:55: Her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

21:58: All the things that made her special.

22:00: She was a kingdom.
22:02: She had her princes, the government.
22:04: She was different from the Gentiles.
22:06: She was superior to the Gentiles.
22:08: She had her prophets.
22:09: She, she had the Torah.
22:11: But she didn't respect the Torah, so God takes it all away.
22:15: And, and now she's subservient.
22:18: To the Gentiles.
22:21: Jeremiah 39 warned of this verse 8, Jeremiah 39:8, and the Chaldeans, the tribe within Babylon, burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.
22:39: Opened up her borders.
22:41: And that's how the, the enemy had his, his way with her.
22:46: Lamentations verse 2 chapter 2 verse 10.
22:49: The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground and keep silence.
22:56: They are astonished.
22:58: They've got nothing to say.
22:59: They had, they're, they're, they're in shock.
23:01: There's no explanation they could, they, they, they just don't know what's happened.
23:07: The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground and keep silence.
23:14: They have cast dust upon their heads.
23:17: They have girded themselves with sackcloth.
23:19: They're in complete mourning and shock.
23:23: The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.
23:28: They're, they're ashamed.
23:30: They have no joy.
23:33: My eyes, the prophet is articulating the grief of Jerusalem.
23:40: My eyes do fail with tears.
23:45: My bowels are troubled.
23:46: How does the complete Jewish Bible render this?
23:49: My eyes are worn out from weeping.
23:52: Everything in me is churning.
23:54: This, this is, I am empty of emotion.
23:57: Because of the wounds to my people.
24:00: My, everything in me is churning.
24:03: This is, this is grief beyond, it's amazing he, he's able to express it.
24:09: This is grief beyond human articulation.
24:15: In King James is a little harder to understand like how the King James, how the complete Jewish Bible rendered it, but my eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
24:31: Because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city, because the children and infants are fainting away in the streets of the city, the children and the infants.
24:44: This is our future.

24:46: This is the future of the nation.
24:48: And they're fainting away.
24:49: They're just.
24:51: Skin and bones rotting away.
24:55: Right in front of us, we have no future, in other words.
25:01: They keep asking their mothers, where is something to eat or drink?
25:06: You can imagine how painful such a question is.
25:10: When your infant child, who's starving to death in front of you, is turning to you and asking, where's the food?
25:19: What can I get something to eat or drink?
25:22: And, and, and you've got nothing.
25:25: And, and also in the back of their minds, I imagine they realize they're the ones who did this to their own children.
25:33: By, by flagrantly disobeying the Torah.
25:39: They keep asking their mothers, where is something to eat or drink as they faint away in the streets of the city, gasping out their last breath in their mother's bosom.
25:51: It's not just you're suffering for yourself, your child is dying in your arms.
25:58: Ask, can you please feed me something.
26:01: You've got nothing.
26:02: The city is under siege.
26:04: You've got nothing, and you watch them as they take their last breath.
26:07: What, what could be more painful to a mother than that?
26:14: What things shall I take to witness for you?
26:17: What things shall I liken to you, O daughter of Jerusalem?
26:20: What shall I equal to you?
26:23: That I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion, for your breach is great like the sea.
26:30: Your, your downfall is as vast as the sea.
26:33: Who can heal you?
26:36: how can you be helped again?
26:37: How?
26:38: How?
26:39: Who can heal you?
26:41: Well, covenant faithfulness is the answer.
26:43: We'll, we'll see that as we get into chapter 3, God willing.
26:48: Tomorrow we'll start chapter 3.
26:50: I'm not sure how far we'll get, but the good news, the answer to these questions is in chapter 3.
26:55: The prophet comes to realize that.
26:59: Verse 14 The visions of your, the visions your prophet saw for you were futile.
27:08: Just a whitewash.
27:10: They did not expose your guilt.
27:13: So as to reverse your fortunes.
27:16: No, the visions they saw for you were alluring, but futile.
27:22: I, I hope this resonates with us, brethren.

27:26: Because today it'd be, it would be like today saying, you know, your ministers preach you smooth things.

27:34: They just always have nice things to say.

27:37: If, if, if you're traditional Christianity, every Sunday, here in Church of God, every Sabbath, it's just good news, nonstop good news.

27:45: Everything's fine.

27:46: You're good, you're OK.

27:47: I'm OK.

27:47: Everybody's OK, and God's OK too.

27:50: As opposed to giving us the hard truth, and it might be uncomfortable, but in the long run, it's beneficial.

28:00: Hear what Jeremiah's saying, or Jerusalem, he's giving voice to Jerusalem.

28:07: That the visions, the, the, the, the inspiring, encouraging words from the prophets were futile.

28:13: They were not telling the truth.

28:16: They were, they were giving us smooth things.

28:20: They've seen vain and foolish things for you.

28:23: They have not discovered your iniquity.

28:25: It was there the whole time.

28:26: They should have been pointing it, that's their job.

28:29: is to warn and to point people back to the Torah.

28:33: To warn the king and point the king back to the Torah.

28:37: But they gave smooth things, and it was all futile.

28:40: Isaiah 9:16 says, for the leaders of this people, cause them to err.

28:49: And they that are led by them are destroyed.

28:53: So, I think people get the leaders they deserve.

28:57: And here in Canada, We, we, we get the leadership we deserve.

29:02: We, we should not be putting up with medical assistance in dying, which is just becoming an epidemic.

29:09: We shouldn't be putting up with this, but we do, so we get the leaders we deserve.

29:13: And, and spiritually, we get the leaders we deserve.

29:17: We should speak up.

29:18: We should say no, we, we need meat.

29:20: We, we need to be fed.

29:24: Verse 15 All that pass by clap their hands at you.

29:31: They hiss and wag their head.

29:34: At the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty?

29:43: Is, is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?

29:51: That's what she was called.

29:54: And that's what she will be called.

29:56: That's the whole plan of God.

29:59: That he's going to set a standard that is a godly standard for the whole world to benefit from.

30:05: This is what he meant when he said to Abraham, in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

30:12: That there would be a godly standard coming through the seat of Abraham, that the whole world would be drawn to and would be blessed by, and these people have destroyed that.

30:24: So now the Gentiles are looking at Jerusalem and saying, is this what you call the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?

30:32: And God warned them right at the period of initiating the covenant through Moses.

30:38: In Deuteronomy 29:22, Moses wrote, So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you and the stranger that shall come from a far land shall say when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which the Lord has laid upon it.

30:59: And that the whole land thereof is brimstone and salt and burning, that it is not sown nor bears nor any grass grows therein like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Adma and Zebohi which the Lord overthrew in His anger and in His wrath, even all nations shall say.

31:20: How has the Lord done this unto this land?

31:25: What means the heat of, of this great anger?

31:29: The men shall say Then men shall say, because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they knew not and whom he had not given unto them, and the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book.

32:02: And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation and cast them into another land as it is this day.

32:12: So this is foretold.

32:15: By Moses, this is saying this is what's going to happen if you violate the covenant.

32:20: And, and by see by reading lamentations together, as in, as in, as intense as it is, as we read this intense scroll together, these laments.

32:32: The conclusion we should draw is wow.

32:38: God is faithful to his word.

32:42: It's amazing, first of all, that he would punish these people so extremely.

32:48: But the extreme punishment is to the letter, it's to the letter.

32:52: It is to the letter, the curses that he he pronounced upon them if they would disobey.

32:57: So, it's like, wow, this is intense, but it's to the letter.

33:01: And then it's like, well, he's also said he will never break his covenant with Abraham.

33:10: That's an eternal covenant.

33:13: And so it's like, well, if he will, if he will be so precise.

33:18: In carrying out these curses, then certainly he will be equally precise in carrying out the blessings.

33:26: Lamentations 2:16, all your enemies have opened their mouth against you.

33:33: They hiss and gnash their teeth.

33:36: The complete Jewish Bible says they jeer at you.

33:39: This is, this is a time of great rejoicing for them.

33:41: They, they were envious.

33:43: And now this is a time for them to be joyful.

33:50: They hiss and gnash the teeth.

33:52: They say, we have swallowed her up.
33:55: Certainly this is the day that we looked for.
33:57: They were looking for this day.
33:59: Certainly this is the day that we have looked for, we have found, we have seen it.
34:05: Notice they're saying, we have swallowed her up.
34:08: They're giving themselves credit for this, but in fact, God is the one doing it.
34:14: God is the one doing it, and as we see in the West, our nations being overturned, that the moral code of our nations for for centuries being overturned.
34:27: The, the, the, the moral fabric of our countries being overturned, and the enemies who are doing this, giving themselves credit, they feel like they're doing it.
34:38: But when we read the scriptures carefully, we can see, you know what, God is orchestrating this.
34:44: God is the one who's who's put his hand in how history unfolds.
34:49: And so they say we have swallowed her up, but Jeremiah is saying that's what they say.
34:55: But if you want the answer to the question, how did this happen, read the Torah.
35:00: God is the one doing it.
35:02: He, he says, you know, actually, look at this, it's right here.
35:05: So they say we have swallowed her up.
35:08: Jeremiah writes, the Lord has done it.
35:12: What did he say?
35:13: The Lord has done that which He had devised, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times that which is not yet done, saying, my plans will stand.
35:25: The Lord has done that which He had devised.
35:28: He has fulfilled His word that He commanded in the days of old.
35:33: There it is right there.
35:35: That's the root of the gospel.
35:39: That's where we get our confidence.
35:41: That God is faithful.
35:44: That's how we can stand and not deviate, because we realize he, he does what he says he will do.
35:51: What makes him God is he speaks and he fulfills.
35:57: And nobody can stop him.
35:59: And he doesn't abrogate his word.
36:02: And he doesn't make things up as he goes along.
36:05: He has fulfilled, so they say we have swallowed her up.
36:09: Jeremiah writes he has fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old.
36:15: He has thrown down and has not pitied.
36:18: He's the one that's done it.
36:20: Yes, human beings, he, he works through humans, he says, the king of Assyria.
36:26: Is the rod of his anger.
36:29: So he's the one that uses these men, and their, their evil machinations.
36:36: God is able to use the devil to his purposes.
36:42: God is the one that's thrown down.
36:45: God is the one that has not shown pity.

36:48: And he has caused your enemy to rejoice over you.
36:52: So when they say we have swallowed her up, Jeremiah writes, he's the one that has caused your enemy to rejoice over you.
37:01: He has set up the power of your adversaries.
37:05: Notice that he set it up.
37:07: And again, in our day today, it's like.
37:10: We don't notice what's happening because we don't tell time in decades.
37:14: We tell time in minutes and hours, sometimes weeks, maybe years, usually not.
37:22: Usually we just go from day to day.
37:24: And so we don't really see what's happening.
37:27: But if we could just back up and start to tell time in decades, then all of a sudden it's very clear what's happening.
37:35: And it's very clear, it should be very clear to us today, what's happening to Western civilization.
37:40: We, we do have a little bit of a pause because of the current administration in the US doing something, not everything they could be doing, but something to slow things down.
37:52: But other than that, very few nations in the West.
37:57: If we tell time by decades.
38:01: We're, we're, we're losing ground.
38:02: Our walls are coming down.
38:06: And God says, or Jeremiah says, to these people who are in such deep pain and lamentation, mourning and moaning.
38:16: God is the one that caused your enemy to rejoice over you.
38:19: He's the one that set up the power of your adversaries.
38:24: In Leviticus 26:12, Moses writes, or God inspired Moses to write, and I will walk among you.
38:34: And will be your God, and you shall be my people.
38:38: That's the relationship God wants in intimacy with the covenant community.
38:42: I'll walk among you, and I'll be your God, and you shall be my people.
38:46: This is ultimately fulfilled in Revelation 21, but this is, we have to get a lot, we have to go through a lot of pain to get there.
38:54: I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt that you should not be their bondman.
39:02: You should not be slaves to Egyptians, and I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you go upright.
39:08: But if you will not hearken unto me.
39:11: And will not do all these commandments.
39:14: And if you shall despise my statutes or if your soul abhor my judgments so that you will not do all my commandments but that you break my covenant.
39:27: I will also do this unto you.
39:30: I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ache.
39:37: That shall destroy the eyes and cause sorrow of heart.
39:42: And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it, and I will set my face against you, that's chilling.

39:52: When the God of the universe, the Creator of the universe, who has entered into intimate covenant with you, then says, I'll set my face against you.

40:02: And you shall be slain before your enemies.

40:06: They that hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you.

40:13: This is exactly what we're seeing now in 586 BC when Nebuchadnezzar had his way with Jerusalem and Judah.

40:24: Verse 18, their heart cried unto Jehovah.

40:29: O wall of the daughter of Zion.

40:32: Let tears run down like a river day and night.

40:35: Give yourself no rest.

40:37: Let not the apple of your eye cease.

40:42: There it is.

40:44: Israel is the apple of God's eye.

40:47: The plea is don't let us go out of existence, which is exactly the agenda of the devil.

40:56: That's the agenda of replacement theology is to remove these people.

41:02: So that God will be shown to be a liar.

41:05: And so the plea now is don't let us go out of out of existence.

41:09: You're, you're the wall.

41:11: You're the protection of the daughter of Zion.

41:15: Please feel our pain.

41:17: Arise, cry out in the night.

41:21: In the beginning of the watches, pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord.

41:27: So he's galvanizing Jerusalem, cry out to the Lord.

41:31: Lift up your hands toward Him for the life of your young children that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

41:40: The young children are your future.

41:42: If they die, you die.

41:45: If they die, you cease to exist.

41:47: Cry before the face of the Lord, pour out your tears.

41:53: Before the face of the Lord.

41:55: Behold, O Jehovah.

41:58: And consider to whom you have done this.

42:03: Shall the women eat their fruit?

42:06: And children of a span long, let me read this from the Complete Jewish Bible.

42:12: Adonai, look and see who it is you have thus tormented.

42:19: Should women eat the fruit of their womb?

42:22: The children they have held in their hands.

42:26: Should Kohanim or the priests and prophets be slaughtered in the sanctuary of Adonai?

42:34: That is, that is such a question.

42:37: That in the sanctuary of the Lord.

42:41: Is it right?

42:43: That Nebuchadnezzar.

42:46: Who, who worship Baal, who worships Moloch.

42:52: Should he come into the very sanctuary.
42:56: And slaughter the priest and the prophet.
42:59: This is like seeing Muslims today going into the synagogue, going into the churches, killing and shouting Allahu Akbar.
43:08: Allah is greater.
43:10: Molech is greater, Baal is greater, Ashtareth is greater, Kimosh is greater.
43:17: Should, should this be allowed?
43:21: Jeremiah 5:30.
43:25: And 31, Jeremiah writes, a wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land.
43:33: The prophets prophesy falsely.
43:36: And the priests bear rule by their means.
43:41: And my people love to have it so.
43:45: And what will you do in the end thereof?
43:47: What what will you do when lamentations comes to pass?
43:52: So the prophets and the priests are being slain in the sanctuary.
43:56: Because they're false prophets and false priests.
43:59: And the people love smooth things, they just love being, how should I say, encouraged and, and justified and supported, even though they're full of iniquity.
44:12: The prophet and the priest wouldn't point it out.
44:15: And now they're being slaughtered in the sanctuary, and they're giving the Gentile the ability to say Allah Akbar, and Allah is the consolidation of Kimosh and Baal and Molech and and Ashtareth and all of these false gods.
44:32: Muhammad just basically consolidated all of this into one, didn't change the practices, just rolled it all into one.
44:38: And so what happened in the past is happening again today.
44:43: Lamentations 2:21.
44:45: The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets.
44:51: The most vulnerable And they're just, they're just wasting away.
44:55: They just lie down to die.
44:57: The young and the old Lie down on the ground in the streets.
45:03: My virgins and my young men are fallen by the swords.
45:07: I have the young and the old, the most vulnerable.
45:10: And then I've got the most promising.
45:13: The virgins and the young men.
45:16: That's, that's, I was gonna say the future, but that's our present, that's the most promising.
45:20: They're, they're full of beauty and power.
45:23: And they've they've fallen by the sword.
45:26: You have slain them.
45:28: In the day of your anger, you have killed and not pity.
45:33: Jeremiah is very, very clear.
45:34: I mean, he was.
45:36: prophesying for decades, warning, warning, warning.
45:39: So he's very clear what has happened, and who is behind it.

45:44: You've slain them in the day of your, your anger.
45:47: You have killed and not pitied.
45:51: You have called, as in a solemn day, my terrors round about.
46:00: As in a solemn day, complete Jewish Bible that you have summoned my terrors from every direction, so you can get the sense of Jerusalem during the Hags, people are just closing in and coming in from every single direction.
46:14: That's the imagery that Jeremiah is using.
46:19: Regarding the terror The terror is coming from every direction.
46:29: You have summoned.
46:31: You've called as in a feast day.
46:35: The terror that surrounds me.
46:37: So that in the day of Jehovah's anger, None escaped, nor remained.
46:46: Those that have swaddled and brought up.
46:49: Has my enemy destroyed.
46:52: Excuse me.
46:54: The children I held in my arms.
46:57: And raised Those children The enemy has destroyed.
47:05: Let me just call this up now.
47:12: So that is Lamentations chapter 2.
47:17: It's difficult, but it's not as difficult for us because we know what's ahead.
47:25: We know that God will act.
47:28: He will not allow the apple of his eye to perish.
47:31: He did restore them.
47:32: He did allow them to come back from this in 586.
47:36: BC.
47:38: But it didn't do the job.
47:42: As intense as this suffering is or was.
47:46: It had to be repeated in AD 70 when they, they rejected Christ when he came to them.
47:51: They rejected him.
47:54: And they continued in their hypocrisy and evil.
47:57: And so then we had the Romans in AD 70 wash, rinse, repeat.
48:02: And, and still we look today in Israel, and, and Tel Aviv has the largest pride march in the world.
48:10: So they still, they still haven't achieved what Moses was said to look for.
48:16: This, this wholehearted.
48:19: Deep, deep repentance.
48:22: And so we have to go through this again.
48:24: Lamentations, as much as it's historical, it's also prophetic, and we're going to see this intense level of suffering again on the covenant community until God gets him to this state.
48:37: Where he can say, I will be your God, and you will be my people.
48:42: So we will, dive into chapter 3, God Willing Tomorrow.
48:48: And we'll, we'll, we'll have to go deep into chapter 3, but we will get relief.
48:55: That the prophet himself comes to the realization of how Judah will be saved from all of this, and God willing, we'll cover that tomorrow.

49:05: Let me just check the chat quickly to see if there is anything that I might need to respond to.

49:13: Otherwise, we will look forward to seeing you.

49:17: we will post one way or another how you can tune in to us on the high day.

49:23: So we'll be joining our sister congregations on Wednesday, and we'll post how you can tune into that, and then God willing, I will give part two of the sermon that I began on Sabbath.

49:39: God willing, I'll, I'll give part two and the conclusion of that sermon this coming Sabbath.

49:43: So we hope to see you tomorrow evening.

49:46: And we'll continue this, and then we're also gonna have the high day.

49:50: Hopefully you'll be able to join us there, and then we'll also have the weekly Sabbath service.

49:55: So God willing you'll be able to join us tomorrow evening for Lamentations chapter 2.

50:00: God bless.