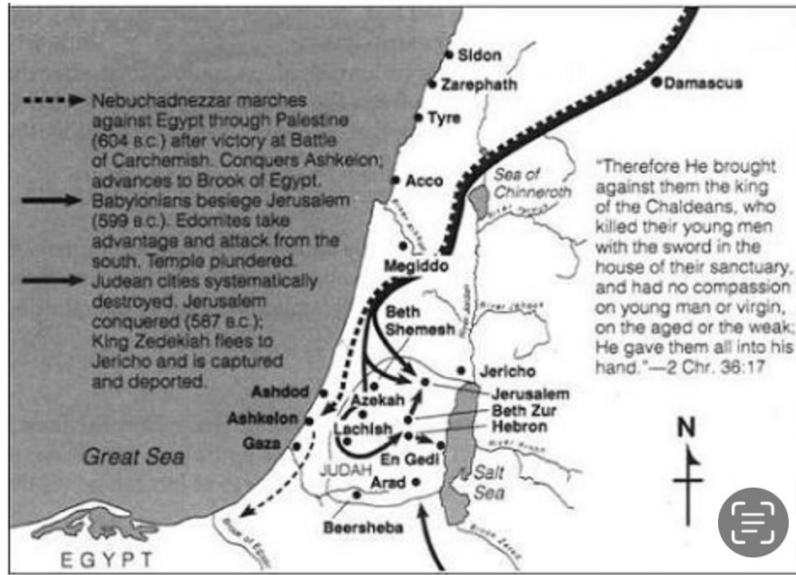


## LAMENTATIONS

Though much of Lamentations is marked by expressions of sorrow and regret, the final word is hope in God's mercy to sinners. In 2:1 the text declares that the Lord "has set the daughter of Zion under a cloud," while in chapter 3 the writer remarks that he dwells in darkness. Bitter tears lead ultimately to renewal and redemption for God's people.

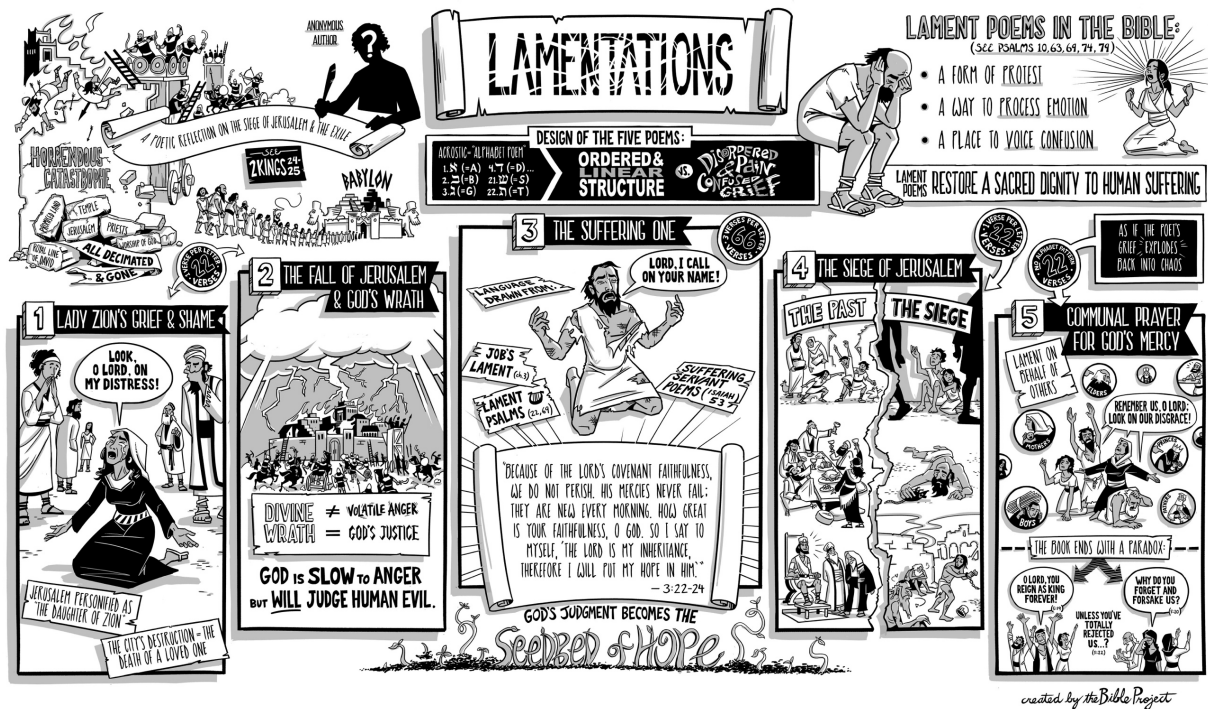
## ✦ SECOND KINGS, JEREMIAH, AND LAMENTATIONS COMPARED ✦

	2 KINGS 25 (See also 2Ch 36:11-21)	JEREMIAH	LAMENTATIONS
1. The siege of Jerusalem	1, 2	39:1-3; 52:4, 5	2:20-22; 3:5, 7
2. The famine in the city	3	37:21; 52:6	1:11, 19; 2:11, 12; 2:19, 20; 4:4, 5, 9, 10; 5:9, 10
3. The flight of the army and the king	4-7	39:4-7; 52:8-11	1:3, 6; 2:2; 4:19, 20
4. The burning of the palace, temple, and city	8, 9	39:8; 52:13	2:3-5; 4:11; 5:18
5. The breaching of the city walls	10	33:4, 5; 52:7	2:7-9
6. The exile of the populace	11, 12	28:3, 4, 14; 39:9, 10	1:1, 4, 5, 18; 2:9, 14; 3:2, 19; 4:22; 5:2
7. The looting of the temple	13-15	51:51	1:10; 2:6, 7
8. The execution of the leaders	18-21	39:6	1:15; 2:2, 20
9. The vassal status of Judah	22-25	40:9	1:1; 5:8, 9
10. The collapse of the expected foreign help	24:7	27:1-11; 37:5-10	4:17; 5:6



1. The First Lament: Jerusalem's Devastation (1:1–22)
  - A. Jeremiah's Sorrow (1:1–11)
  - B. Jerusalem's Sorrow (1:12–22)
2. The Second Lament: The Lord's Anger Explained (2:1–22)
  - A. The Lord's Perspective (2:1–10)
  - B. A Human Perspective (2:11–19)
  - C. Jeremiah's Prayer (2:20–22)
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  - A. To Be Remembered by the Lord (5:1–18)
  - B. To Be Restored by the Lord (5:19–22)





## BEYOND LAMENTATIONS— HOPE OF RESTORATION

1. Isaiah 35:1–10
2. Jeremiah 30:1—31:40
3. Ezekiel 37:1–28
4. Hosea 3:5; 14:1–9
5. Joel 3:18–21
6. Amos 9:11–15
7. Micah 7:14–20
8. Zephaniah 3:14–20
9. Zechariah 14:1–11
10. Malachi 4:1–6

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