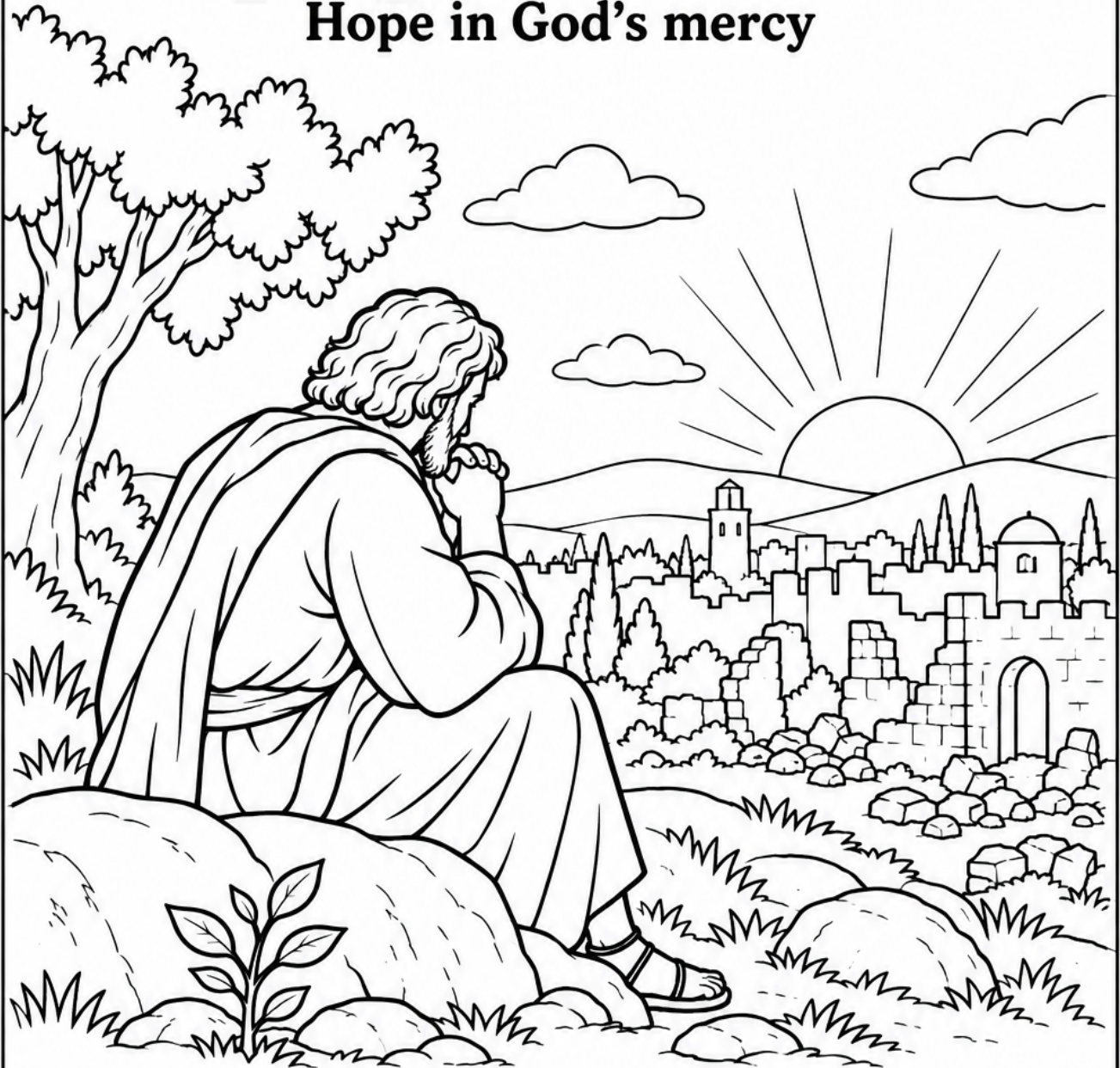


Weeping over Jerusalem

Hope in God's mercy



The writer remembers the LORD's mercy, compassion and faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:19–24

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

What does the writer remember that gives him hope?

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Lamentations 1-5

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MAIN POINTS

- You can tell God honestly when you are sad (Lamentations 1:20).
- The people admit they disobeyed God (Lamentations 1:18).
- God's compassion does not fail (Lamentations 3:22-23).
- The people ask God to turn them back to Him (Lamentations 5:21).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What did the prophets fail to show the people?

Lamentations 2:14

2. What does the writer remember that gives him hope?

Lamentations 3:19-24

3. The writer was sad but remembered God's compassion (Lamentations 3:19-23). What can you tell God about today?

Lamentations 3:19-23

MEMORY VERSE / Lamentations 3:22-23

After remembering affliction, the speaker calls the LORD's continuing mercy and unfailing compassion to mind as his reason for hope (Lamentations 3:19-24).

WEB

It is because of Yahweh's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his mercies don't fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

KJV

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

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Lamentations 1-5

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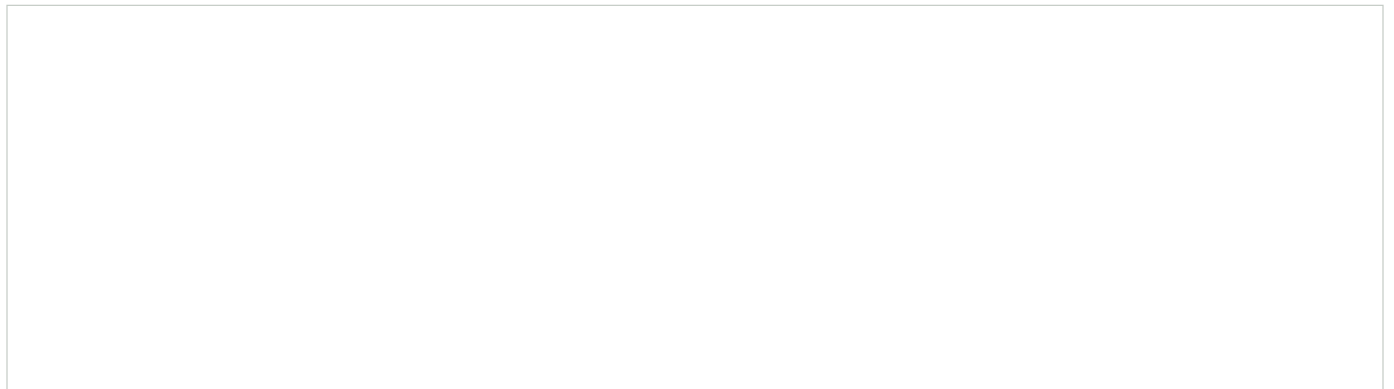
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WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER



ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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Lamentations 1-5

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MAIN POINTS

- Honest lament keeps addressing the LORD while naming real pain (Lamentations 1:20-22; 2:18-19).
- The book joins grief with confession rather than blaming everyone else (Lamentations 1:18; 5:16).
- Hope grows from remembering the LORD's mercy, compassion, and goodness (Lamentations 3:19-26).
- The community asks God to turn and renew them while questions remain (Lamentations 5:19-22).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. According to Lamentations 2:14 what did the prophets fail to expose?

Lamentations 2:14

2. What does the speaker call to mind in Lamentations 3:21-24?

Lamentations 3:19-24

3. The speaker names affliction before recalling the LORD's mercy and compassion (Lamentations 3:19-24). How can you be honest about both pain and hope in prayer?

Lamentations 3:19-24

MEMORY VERSE / Lamentations 3:31-33

The Lord does not cast off forever; after grief, He shows compassion and does not afflict willingly (Lamentations 3:31-33).

WEB

For the Lord will not cast off forever. For though he causes grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

KJV

For the Lord will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

Weeping over Jerusalem

Lamentations 1-5
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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

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MAIN POINTS

- Faithful lament brings grief directly to the LORD and continues praying (Lamentations 1:20-22; 2:18-19).
- Jerusalem's confession recognizes both divine righteousness and human rebellion (Lamentations 1:18; 5:16).
- The speaker deliberately recalls the LORD's character in the middle of remembered affliction (Lamentations 3:19-26).
- The final prayer holds God's everlasting throne together with an unresolved plea for restoration (Lamentations 5:19-22).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Jerusalem says the LORD is righteous while also describing overwhelming distress (Lamentations 1:12-20). How can confession and grief remain honest at the same time?

Lamentations 1:18-20

2. The people are told to pour out their heart before the LORD after judgment has fallen (Lamentations 2:18-19). What does that instruction show about prayer in crisis?

Lamentations 2:18-19

3. Lamentations 3:19-24 moves from remembered affliction to deliberate hope in the LORD. What truth about God do you need to call to mind without pretending your pain is small?

Lamentations 3:19-24

MEMORY VERSE / Lamentations 3:19-24

The speaker remembers affliction and bitterness, then deliberately recalls the LORD's mercy, compassion, faithfulness, and sufficiency (Lamentations 3:19-24).

WEB

Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the bitterness. My soul still remembers them, and is bowed down within me. This I recall to my mind; therefore I have hope. It is because of Yahweh's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his mercies don't fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. "Yahweh is my portion," says my soul. "Therefore I will hope in him."

KJV

Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

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Lamentations 1-5

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MAIN POINTS

- Lament directs unsanitized grief toward the LORD rather than away from Him (Lamentations 1:20-22; 2:18-19).
- The poems hold divine judgment and human confession together (Lamentations 1:18; 2:1-9; 5:16).
- Hope is an act of recollection grounded in the LORD's mercy, compassion, goodness, and salvation (Lamentations 3:19-26).
- The book ends with divine kingship, petition, and unresolved pain held in the same prayer (Lamentations 5:19-22).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Jerusalem says the LORD is righteous while also describing overwhelming distress (Lamentations 1:12-20). How can confession and grief remain honest at the same time?

Lamentations 1:18-20

2. The people are told to pour out their heart before the LORD after judgment has fallen (Lamentations 2:18-19). What does that instruction show about prayer in crisis?

Lamentations 2:18-19

3. The speaker remembers affliction and then recalls the LORD's mercy, compassion, and faithfulness (Lamentations 3:19-24). What truth about God can you deliberately bring to mind while speaking honestly to Him about present grief?

Lamentations 3:19-24

MEMORY VERSE / Lamentations 3:37-40

These questions about the Lord's command lead into self-examination and a call to return to the LORD (Lamentations 3:37-40).

WEB

Who is he who says, and it comes to pass, when the Lord doesn't command it? Doesn't evil and good come out of the mouth of the Most High? Why should a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Yahweh.

KJV

Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good? Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

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Lamentations 1-5
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PRAYER
