

A SONG OF SORROW

WHEN WE ARE SAD, WE CAN TALK TO GOD.

LETTERS OF LAMENT

EVERY CHAPTER IN THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS—EXCEPT CHAPTER 3—IS 22 VERSES LONG. THAT'S ONE VERSE FOR EACH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET.

TO SHOW HIS COMPLETE LAMENT, JEREMIAH BEGAN EACH VERSE WITH A DIFFERENT LETTER OF THE ALPHABET. THIS KIND OF POETRY IS CALLED "ACROSTIC."

ACROSTIC

Lamentations is written in an acrostic style using the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Try to think of 5 words that describe God using the first 5 letters of the English alphabet.

A

B

C

D

E

SORROW-FILLED SONGS FOR SHATTERED CITIES

Jeremiah wrote laments about his sadness over Jerusalem's sin but they aren't the only lyrics ever recorded for broken cities.

JERUSALEM:

"JERUSALEM HAS SINNED GRIEVOUSLY AND HAS BECOME AN OBJECT OF SCORN. ALL WHO HONORED HER NOW DESPISE HER."

-LAMENTATIONS 1:8
-WRITTEN IN AROUND 580 BC

UR:

"THE MALICIOUS STORM WHICH SWEEPED OVER THE LAND, THE STORM WHICH DESTROYED CITIES, THE STORM WHICH DESTROYED HOUSES, THE STORM WHICH DESTROYED COW-PENS ... CUT OFF ALL THAT IS GOOD FROM THE LAND."

-THE LAMENT FOR UR
-WRITTEN AROUND 2000 BC

CORINTH:

"NOT EVEN A TRACE HAS BEEN LEFT OF YOU, ILL-FATED TOWN, BUT ALL HAS BEEN SEIZED AND DEVoured BY WAR."

-LAMENT FOR CORINTH
-WRITTEN IN 146 BC

MICHELANGELO'S JEREMIAH



In the early 1500s, **MICHELANGELO** painted this picture of the prophet Jeremiah. This picture is part of Michelangelo's incredible fresco painting on the ceiling of the **SISTINE CHAPEL** in Italy. Look at Jeremiah. How do you think he is feeling?

God sent Jeremiah to warn the people to **REPENT** of their sin. The people ignored the warnings and experienced terrible consequences for their sins. This made Jeremiah deeply **SAD**.

Jeremiah wrote about his sadness in poems called **LAMENTS**. These laments are recorded in the Book of Lamentations. Sometimes, we feel sad, and that is okay. Whenever we feel sad, we can talk to God!

MAJOR PROPHETS LETTERS

Add the missing letters to complete each name of the Major Prophet books. Use your table of contents for help.

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BIBLE PASSAGE:
LAMENTATIONS 1-5

MEMORY VERSE:
LAMENTATIONS
3:22B-23