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Big things often come in small packages! The Minor Prophets of the Old Testament are not called minor because they are unimportant or insignificant. They are called minor simply because they are short in length! Compared to the 66 chapters of Isaiah or the 52 chapters of Jeremiah, Obadiah's single chapter and Jonah's 4 chapters almost disappear. But appearances are deceptive. While they are small in size the message they convey is incredibly important.



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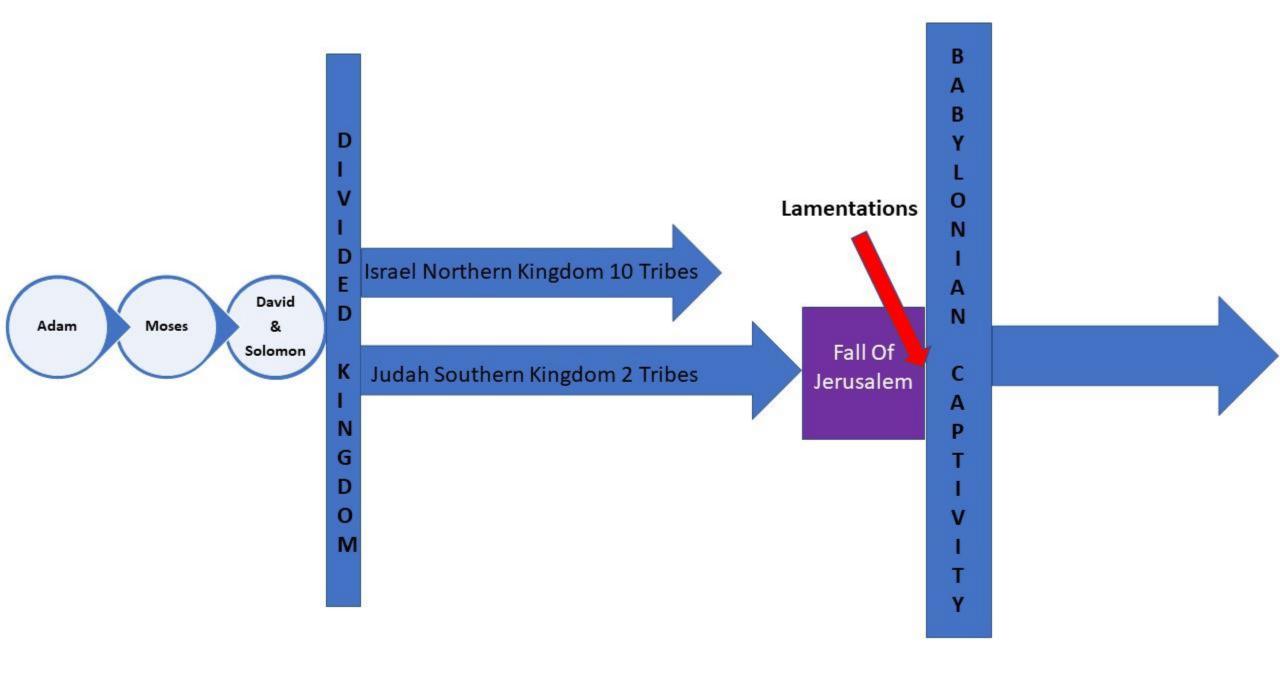
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### Where Does Lamentations Fit?





# Overview Of Lamentations

• The Grief: 1:3-7

• The Cause: 2:1.5, 17

•The Hope: 3:19-25

• The Path: 4:40-50; 4:1

• The Prayer: 4:19-22



## Lesson #1 From Lamentations

# Never assume because you are a child of God you are exempt from discipline.

"And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father"

Hebrews 12:5-7

#### Lesson #2 From Lamentations

There is always hope, regardless of how difficult the discipline may be.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"

**Ephesians 3:20-21** 



#### Lesson #3 From Lamentations

The path back to God leads through repentance.

"If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9



#### Lesson #4 From Lamentations

God's love and grace are always present...even in the hardest of times.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Psalm 23:4



# Lesson #5 From Lamentations

God is faithful, even when we are not!

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful!"

**2Timothy 2:13** 



# Lesson #6 From Lamentations

#### Restoration is simply a prayer away.

"I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath."

Psalm 116:1-2



# Today's Challenge Trust The Faithfulness Of God

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:21-23

