Subject: Lamentations
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I wasn't sure where to put this so here it is. Would you believe in almost 40 yrs as a charismatic Xian most of that time in the faith message. I don't think I have ever read Lamentations. To me it was one of those boring dusty type passages like the genealogies or the dietary laws. Well this week I got that far in my bible reading. Finished Jeremiah and started Lam.

I was utterly captivated. I always knew it was a poem but I never realized the depth to it. Poetry is designed to speak to the heart. Like song.

What a deep passage. A old man speaking out of the depths of his heart in anguish over the beloved city. Now in ruins. Its young men slaughtered women ravished and all in captivity.

So much of our xian life is a united effort . The Holy Spirit and us together. Like tongues. This poem is the same. God lamenting through the gift of the prophet. The prophet crying out of the depths of his heart. God and man together in deep anguish.

As I said I was utterly captivated.

Lamentations 1

1How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

2She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

3Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

4The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

5Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

6And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.