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SADNESS ABOUT A CITY

LAMENTATIONS

Jeremiah loved Jerusalem. He was sad that armies had fought in Jerusalem and destroyed the city. Jeremiah cried about the temple that had been burned down. The whole city was in ruins.

Jeremiah wrote some poems about Jerusalem. The poems described the things that had been done to the city to ruin it.

Jeremiah said Jerusalem was once crowded with people, and now the people were gone. The people living in the city had been hurt or taken away. No one sat at the gates. No one went to the festivals God had commanded. Everything good about Jerusalem was gone.

Jeremiah cried because of these things. "God, my heart is broken," wrote Jeremiah.

Jeremiah knew God's people had not obeyed God and followed His laws. Jeremiah knew Jerusalem had been destroyed because of the people.

But Jeremiah also knew that God loved His people. "God's love never ends. God is always good," said Jeremiah. "Let us pray to God and ask Him to forgive us."