

## BEYOND LAMENTATIONS

There are a few people to whom the **LORD** has given a burden of the adultery of New Jerusalem, or the “church” (a misnomer) as we call it today. To these few are given a heart of groaning over the abominations therein. When at first they are given insight and discernment, there occurs a sense of anger, then frustration, then a sense of helplessness. Their voices ring fairly loud at first; as they are rejected on a deeper and deeper plane, they eventually become silent.

It is to these and others like them that this chapter is addressed.

Jeremiah and others were given this burden concerning the sins of Israel, both to warn as well as to pronounce God’s judgments. In *Lamentations*, Jeremiah expresses the deepest emotions of sadness over Israel’s apostasy. He ends his tale by asking the **LORD**, “Art Thou exceedingly angry with us?”

Habakkuk’s approach, on the other hand, is coming *from* what Israel is doing, *into* what the **LORD** is going to do about it, and what *will be* after all the judgment is past. In other words, Habakkuk has seen, is seeing, and does see the total picture. He traverses frustration and vexation, into understanding and on into peace. All the different stages will result in good at the end. It takes no more than three chapters to accomplish these thoughts.

Seers from time immemorial have been challenged with perspective. Most were given the big picture as it were. Most, however, have been obedient to the burden of the times given them. Habakkuk seems to be the exception, and writes a most inspiring booklet to benefit us. As chapter one tells us, he was a praying man. In that chapter we also learn God is faithful to help us with our mental limitations, and will answer our deepest dilemmas.

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