

No One Came to Help: Lamentations 1:15-22

Sermon Challenge

Name: _____ Date: _____

BEFORE THE SERMON: When trouble comes, what do people often trust for help? (3 points)

☐ Their own strength ☐ Friends and powerful people ☐ Money and possessions ☐ All of the above

KEY VERSE: Lamentations 1:18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

 What did Jerusalem acknowledge about the LORD?
 _____ (2 points)

 What did Jerusalem admit she had done?
 _____ (2 points)

SERMON OUTLINE TRACKER: Fill in the blanks as Pastor Nathan preaches through each point.

Point 1: The Mighty Were _____ (3 points)

Point 2: The Comforter Was _____ (3 points)

Point 3: Their Lovers _____ (3 points)

Point 4: Their Enemies _____ (3 points)

Point 5: The Final Appeal Was to the _____ (3 points)

QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE: What thought is repeated throughout Lamentations 1 to show Jerusalem's loneliness? (2 points)

☐ Her walls were strong ☐ There was none to comfort her ☐ Her enemies were afraid ☐ Her mighty men returned

FIND IT IN YOUR BIBLE: Find these verses in your KJV Bible during the sermon. (2 points each if found)

☐ Lamentations 1:15	☐ Deuteronomy 28:25	☐ Psalm 33:16-17	☐ Lamentations 1:16-17	☐ Psalm 69:20
☐ Lamentations 1:18-19	☐ Isaiah 31:1	☐ Jeremiah 37:7-8	☐ Lamentations 1:20-22	☐ Ezekiel 7:15
☐ Proverbs 17:5	☐ Lamentations 1:22	☐ Romans 12:19	☐ Romans 5:6	☐ John 14:16

HEART CHECK:

 Name one earthly source of security that people may trust instead of God:
 _____ (4 points)

 What should you do now instead of waiting for consequences to humble you?
 _____ (4 points)

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Why should we respond to God's warnings now? (2 points)

☐ Sin has consequences ☐ Earthly help can fail ☐ Delay can be costly ☐ All of the above

TRUE OR FALSE (2 points each)

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| 1. Jerusalem's mighty men were able to protect the city. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. God had warned Judah that rebellion would bring judgment. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. Jerusalem repeatedly said there was no one to comfort her. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. Jerusalem accused the LORD of treating her unfairly. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. Jerusalem's "lovers" included foreign allies trusted for protection. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. Egypt permanently rescued Jerusalem from Babylon. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Jerusalem's enemies rejoiced when they heard about her trouble. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. Jerusalem's enemies were innocent because God used them. | TRUE | FALSE |

WHO WAS IT?

Who was the Babylonian king connected with Jerusalem's destruction?

_____ (2 points)

Who was the prophet who warned Jerusalem and mourned over her destruction?

_____ (2 points)

QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE: What nation did Judah trust because of its horses, chariots, and military strength? _____ (2 points)

PERSONAL APPLICATION: What warning from today's sermon do you need to act upon before the consequences come? _____ (2 points)

ONE THING I LEARNED THAT I DIDN'T KNOW: _____ (2 points)

ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY (Summarize today's sermon in one sentence): _____
 _____ (2 points)

DISCUSSION: Why do people often wait until everything else fails before turning to God?
 _____ (2 points)

FINAL CHALLENGE: Answer this question: (4 points)

Who came to save us when we were without strength? _____

One question I have for the preacher:
 _____ (2 points)

Other comments or notes:

Next Sermon: Ezekiel 2:1-10 What If Nobody Listens: by Pastor Joshua Tapp. Read the chapter to prepare for the next sermon challenge.

★ **Score:** _____ / 100 Points ► **Initial** (I completed this honestly on my own): _____

95-100 = Faithful Servant, 90-94 = Diligent Disciple, 80-89 = Bible Scholar
 70-79 = Good Listener, 60-69 = Bible Student, Below 60 = Keep Growing