



# LAMENTATIONS

*DARK CLOUDS, DEEP MERCY*



**We need to be real about our  
unresolved lament with God  
and others.**





**Shame: See our disgrace. (v 1)**

**Exhaustion: We are weary and find no rest. (v 3)**

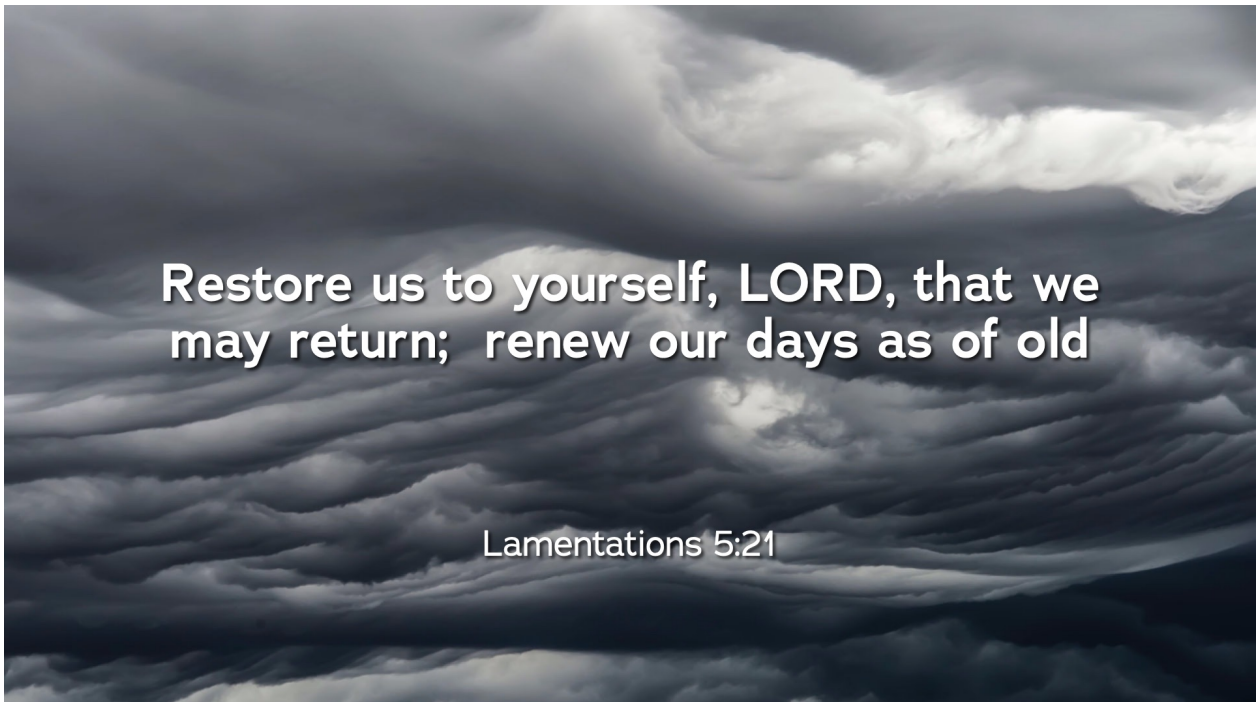
**Deep sadness: Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning. (v 15)**



**Status change: The crown has fallen from our head. (v 16)**

**Dimming soul: Because of this our hearts are faint, (v 17)**

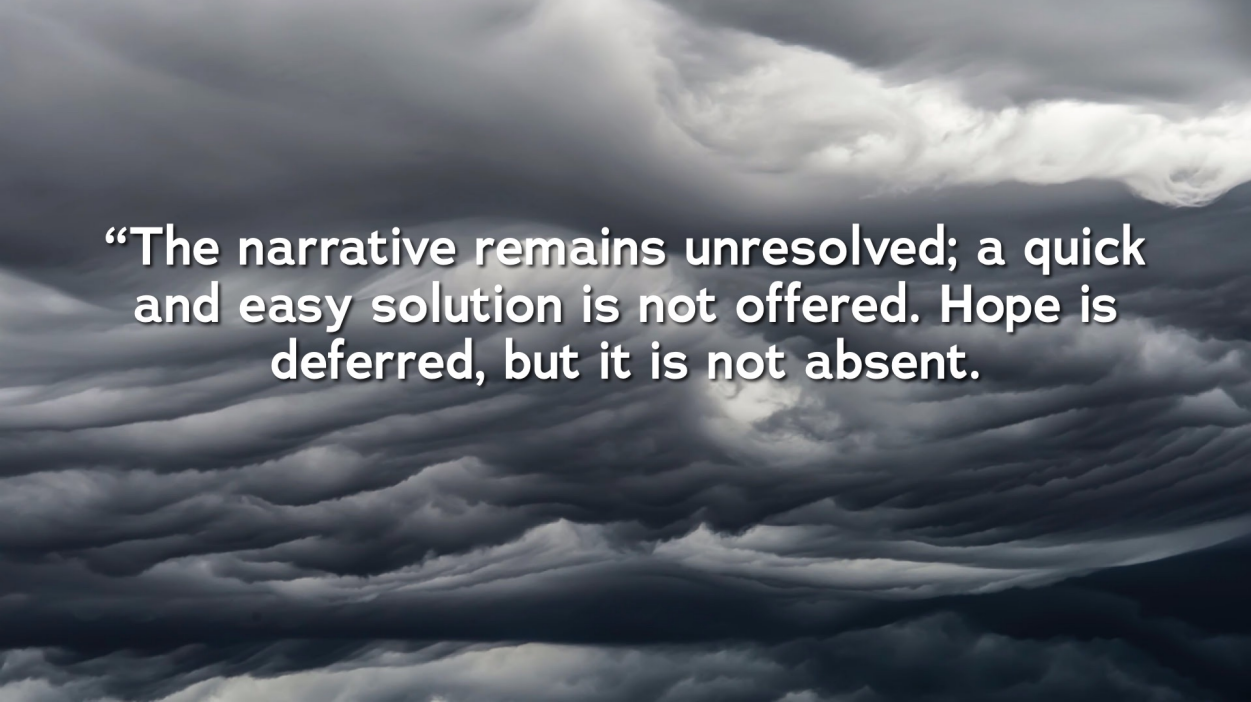
**Lack of vision: Because of these things our eyes grow dim (v 17)**



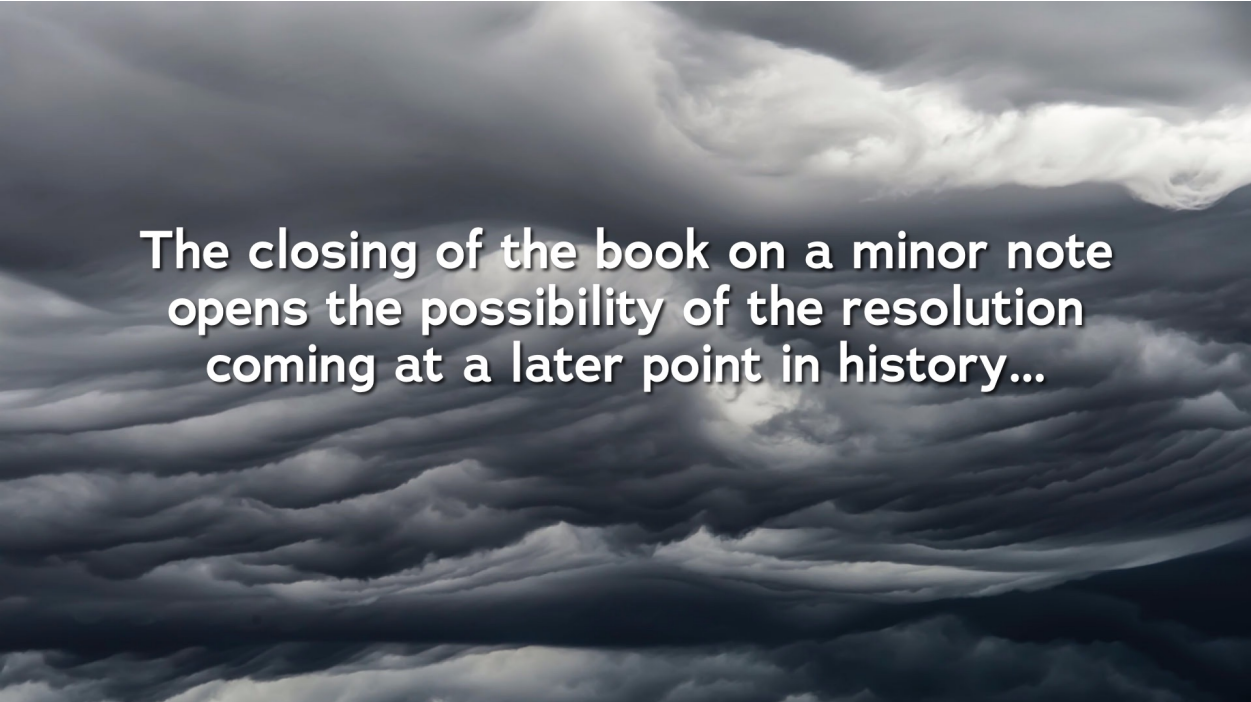
**Restore us to yourself, LORD, that we may return; renew our days as of old**

**Lamentations 5:21**






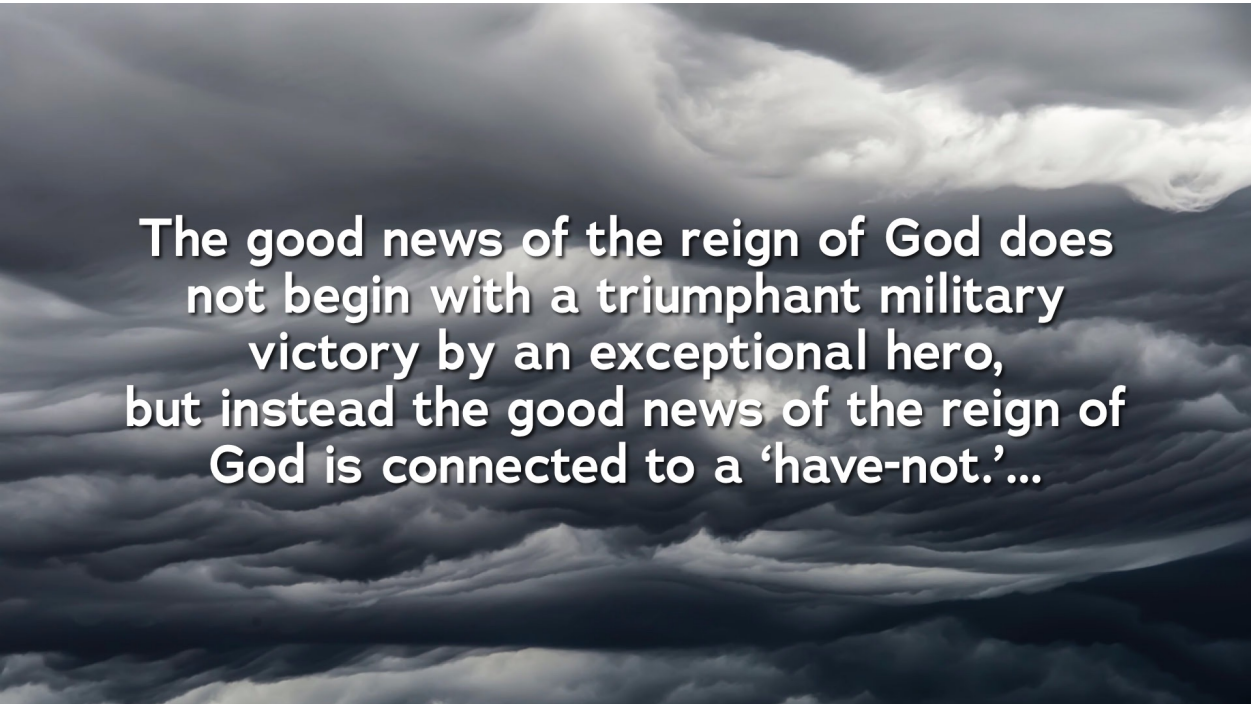
**“The narrative remains unresolved; a quick and easy solution is not offered. Hope is deferred, but it is not absent.**



**The closing of the book on a minor note opens the possibility of the resolution coming at a later point in history...**



Freedom is coming for God's people. This freedom, however, is not simply the restoration of Jerusalem and a return to the Promised Land...

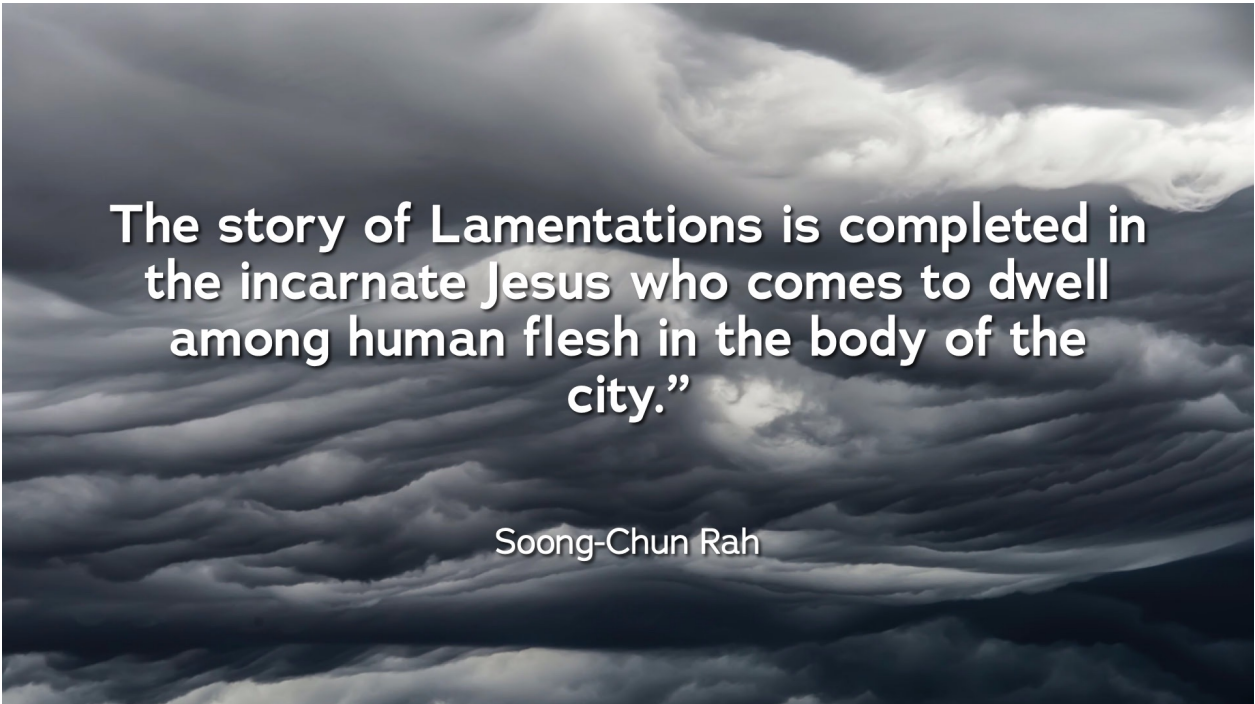


The good news of the reign of God does not begin with a triumphant military victory by an exceptional hero, but instead the good news of the reign of God is connected to a 'have-not.'...





The unusual answer comes in the person  
of Jesus who resolves the narrative of  
Lamentations.



The story of Lamentations is completed in  
the incarnate Jesus who comes to dwell  
among human flesh in the body of the  
city.”

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