

# Jonah

**AUTHOR:**

The author does not identify himself in the book but it is traditionally held that Jeremiah wrote it.

**DATE:**

Lamentations was written during the period of 586-538 B.C.

**AUDIENCE:**

The audience was the Hebrew people who impacted by the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. They were then exiled from Israel to Babylonia.

**CONTEXT:**

The book consists of five laments based on the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. by the Chaldeans. The Chaldeans were from Babylonia (modern day Iraq).

**PURPOSE:**

Lamentations shows a person crying out to the Lord during a very difficult time. The destruction of the Temple marks a shift in the lives of the Jews who are now in need of a new beginning.

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” *Lamentations 3:22-23*

