

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# LAMENTATIONS 3

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Jeremiah is the author of this "Lament." Weeping over the city of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel. Jeremiah is called the "weeping" prophet, not because he was a purely emotional man, but because of the tragedy of the people of God. The sense of "what could have been?" What it should have been and what a waste it was that the nation who had been supernaturally created by God to be a light and witness to the world, had been instead a participant and promoter of darkness. Jeremiah was overwhelmed when he wrote, **"Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"** (Jeremiah 9:1) The book itself is a collection of five poems put together to form a heart cry from the prophet that crescendos in chapter three with this chorus, **"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I hope in Him!' The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."** (Lamentations 3:22-26)

These verses from Lamentations three are the inspiration for one of the greatest hymns of all time.

**"Great is thy faithfulness,"** O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**"Great Is Thy faithfulness!" "Great Is Thy faithfulness!"**  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**"Great Is Thy faithfulness,"** O God my Father! **(Emphasis mine)**

### Prayer and Action Steps

*Thank you, God, for your great faithfulness to me! Thank you that you are always with me and care for my soul. I love you. Help me to share your love with others today. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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