

**Sermon Notes – June 12, 2016**  
**“A Distorted Perspective”**  
**Lamentations 3**  
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The dominant emotion of Lamentations is the hurt and sadness of grief over the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 587 B.C.

Skim through chapters 1-3 to get an idea of the intensity of Jeremiah’s feelings.

In Lamentations 3:2-16, what does Jeremiah say about God, and how accurate is his perspective?

Can you think of a recent occasion in which your emotions distorted your perspective on a person or a situation?

Lamentations 3:21-42:

Describe Jeremiah’s perspective:

- on God in these verses, and
- on the people of Judah.

How is it like and different from his view in earlier portions of the book?

What attributes of God are highlighted in verses 21-26? Do you see any strategies for dealing with grief hinted at here?