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Redemption Road
 Lamentations
“Christ is Our Weeping Prophet”

586 BC
 After the Fall of Jerusalem
 And Exile to Babylon

Structure: 5 Poems

I.	Jerusalem’s Affliction (1:1–22)	– Acrostic (A-Z)
II.	The Lord’s Judgment (2:1–22)	- Acrostic (A-Z)
III.	Confidence Despite Disaster (3:1–66)	- Triplet (AAA, BBB...)
IV.	Jerusalem’s Downfall (4:1–22)	- Acrostic (A-Z)
V.	Prayer for Restoration (5:1–22)	- Chaotic (Z, N, Y, M...)

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Facing Affliction

¹ I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of the Lord’s wrath.
² He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light;
³ indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.

Galatians 3:13
 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.”



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Extreme Anguish

⁴ He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones.
⁵ He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.
⁶ He has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead.

Luke 22:44
 “And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground”



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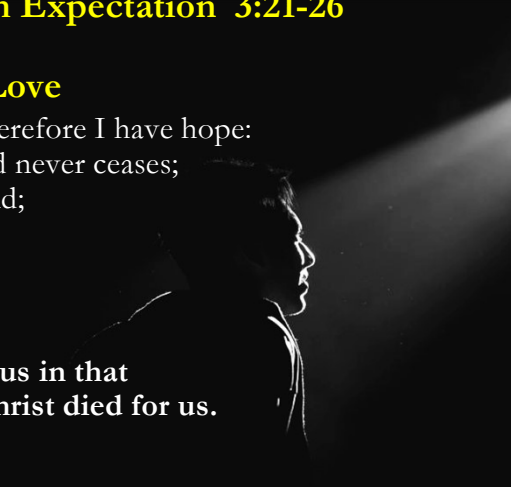
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Acting in His Covenant Love

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Romans 5:8
...but God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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Hoping in His Gracious Partnership

²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.



John 11:35, 41-42
Jesus wept.

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His Humble Acceptance

28 Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;
29 let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope;
30 let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.

Matthew 5:39
³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.



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His Purposeful Chastening

31 For the Lord will not cast off forever,
32 but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
33 for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

Luke 19:41
⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it...



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