

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a beach. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow on the horizon. The ocean waves are visible in the foreground, and the beach is dark and silhouetted.

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- “This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 The LORD is my portion, says my soul, Therefore I 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 hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD.”

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- God's mercies are new every morning because:
 - God is present at all times and places
 - God's blessings continue without interruption
 - The old things have passed away
 - God's promises are certain

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- Lamentations (Eikhah) is a collection of poetic laments written by Jeremiah for the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 586 BC.
- In the Hebrew Bible, it appears in the Ketuvim ("Writings"), beside the Song of Songs, Book of Ruth, Ecclesiastes and the Book of Esther, also called the Megilloth or Five Scrolls
- Lamentations consists of five distinct poems, corresponding to its five chapters. The first four are written as acrostics – chapters 1, 2, and 4 each have 22 verses, corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the first lines beginning with each letter of the alphabet.
- Chapter 3 has 66 verses, so that each letter begins three lines, and the fifth poem is not acrostic but still has 22 lines.

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- Chapter 1, the city sits a desolate weeping widow overcome in misery
- Chapter 2, these miseries are described in connection with national sins and acts of God.
- Chapter 3 speaks of hope for the people of God: the chastisement would only be for their good; a better day would dawn for them.
- Chapter 4 laments the ruin and desolation of the city and temple, but traces it to the people's sins.
- Chapter 5 is a prayer that Zion's reproach may be taken away in the repentance and recovery of the people.

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- Jeremiah consoles both himself and the people with pictures of the character of God, especially His Divine mercy.
 - It gives hope.
 - It was due to God's mercy that they were not utterly consumed.
 - It gives reason to trust God and hope in Him.
 - God's mercy is new every morning.

God Is Present

- Eph. 4:6 - “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”
- Isa. 40:28-31 - “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

God Is Present

- Deut. 7:9 - “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”
- Psalm 100:5 - “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”

God's Blessings Continue

- For our life in this world
 - Gen. 8:22 - “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”
 - Matt. 5:45 - “He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”
 - Acts 14:17 - “Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

God's Blessings Continue

- For our life beyond this world
 - Gal. 3:14 - “That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”
 - Acts 3:26 - “To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”
 - Eph. 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”

Old Things Have Passed Away

- 2Cor. 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
- Rom. 6:4 - “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

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- Phil. 3:13-14 - “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
- Col. 3:10 - “And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”

God's Promises Are Certain

- Titus 1:2 - “In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- Jer. 32:42 - “For thus says the LORD: Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them.”

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- 2Cor. 1:18-20 - “But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us--by me, Silvanus, and Timothy--was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”
- Heb. 10:23 - “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful”

God's Promises Are Certain

- Jesus died in the evening, but He was resurrected in the morning. His resurrection is a promise that we will one day be resurrected as well
 - Rom. 8:11 - “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you”
- We will die at the close of our day, but we will be resurrected in the morning to a brand new, never ending day