

Lamentations chapter 2

The first nine verses describe the destruction of Jerusalem and the people of Judah. Who was responsible for this destruction?

In verse 10-12 the focus changes from God to a description of the condition of His people. The writer, so far, has functioned as narrator. What role does he take on in 13-17? Who is he talking to? What does he tell them to do in 18-19?

Who is speaking to whom in the final three verses? Is there, in any of the descriptions in this chapter, any assignment of blame, or responsibility, or guilt?

Lamentations chapter 4

Is the writer a casual observer who describes a disaster scene he happened upon? Is he involved, part of the action?

After describing how good things were, and how horrible they are, the writer tells us who is to blame in verses 13 and 16. Is the blame assigned to the proper parties?

In verses 17-20 the voice seems to change; who is speaking here? Who is being addressed? The last two verses again seem to be a different speaker; who is speaking to whom? Are there any words of comfort?

Lamentations chapter 5

For eighteen verses the people of Jerusalem complain to the Lord about the disasters that have befallen them. What happens in verse 19?

The last three verses are a prayer. Are the people completely broken, dejected, and hopeless? Has their spirit been totally destroyed?

Who is to blame for all this disaster (look again at verse 7)?