

Outline: The Book of Lamentations

I. Elegy (chapter 1)

A call to consider the destruction of Jerusalem.

A. The reason of the destruction (v. 8, 18)

B. An invitation for all to mourn with the prophet (v. 12)

II. Elegy (chapter 2)

A. Details of the effect of God's judgment on the remaining remnant (v. 10)

B. The elation of the enemy (v. 15)

III. Elegy (chapter 3)

The faithful mercies of God recognized.

IV. Elegy (chapter 4)

A contrast between the former prosperity and the present poverty in Jerusalem.

V. Elegy (chapter 5)

Jeremiah's cry to God to remember the nation of Israel.

Discussion Questions: Lamentations

1. What is the big picture concept of the book of Lamentations?
2. What is the Christ connection in the book of Lamentations?
3. What are the three themes that run through the five laments of

Jeremiah?

4. How are they identified?
5. What appears to be God's purpose in including a book like Lamentations in the Bible?
6. How does Lamentations 3:22-32 fit with the rest of the book?
7. In what ways could the Book of Lamentations help you during times of grief?