



## Outline of Old Testament: Book of Lamentations by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### **Lamentations = "Ah, how!"** **[God Is Plaintive]** During Jerusalem's Downfall **2 Kings 23-25; 2 Chronicles 36** **Blueprint For Redemption**

- I. Lament over Jerusalem's Destruction 1:1-22**  
**Redemption**
- II. Lament over Judah's Debasement 2:1-22**
- III. Lament over Jeremiah's Demeaning 3:1-66**
- IV. Lament over Jerusalem's Degeneracy 4:1-22**
- V. Lament over Judah's Dishonor 5:1-22**

#### ***Digging In The Dirge:***

##### **1. Hebrew Poetic Style:**

**Chap. 1-2** (22 verses @); **Chap. 3**; **Chap. 4-5** (22 verses @)

**2. Jeremiah** wept over *Jerusalem's destruction*; **Jesus** wept over *Jerusalem's destruction* in AD 70 (**Matthew 23:34-39**; **Luke 13:31-35**; **19:41-44**)

##### **3. Jerusalem:**

- Was as lonely as a widow **1:1**
- "Did not consider her destiny" **1:9**
- Let "nations enter her sanctuary" whom God forbade **1:10**
- Had no one to care **1:12**
- Had abandoned the law and the prophets **2:9**
- Had eaten her children and murdered priest and prophet **2:20**; **4:10**
- Forgot prosperity for the pain **3:17**
- Was spared a bit through the LORD's mercies **3:22**, **31**
- Showed less nurturing than jackals **4:3**
- Squandered away their inheritance **5:2**
- Had to buy water and firewood **5:4**
- Lost all joy **5:15**
- Too late for tears **1:16**; **2:11**; **3:49**
- Too late for repentance **3:40**
- There is NO true prophecy without the Lord **3:37**
- This punishment was greater than that of Sodom **4:6**
- There is a "better way to die" than slowly **4:9**
- Drunkenness is associated with nakedness **4:21**