Outline of Lamentations

Lamentations chapter 1

1:1-11. The miseries of Jerusalem and of the Jews pathetically lamented, with confessions of their sins.

1:12-17. The attention and compassion of beholders demanded to this unprecedented case.

1:18-22. The justice of God acknowledged, and his mercy supplicated, with prayers against insulting foes.

Lamentations chapter 2

2:1-19. Jeremiah laments the misery of Jerusalem.

2:20-22. He complains thereof to God.

Lamentations chapter 3

3:1-21. The prophet bewails his own calamities. 3:22-36. By the mercies of God, he nourishes his hope.

3:37-54. He acknowledges God's justice. 3:55-63. He prays for deliverance, and vengeance on his enemies.

Lamentations chapter 4

<u>4:1-12</u>. Zion bewails her pitiful estate.

4:13-20. She confesses her sins.

<u>4:21-22</u>. Edom is threatened and Zion comforted.

Lamentations chapter 5

<u>5:1-22</u>. A pitiful complaint of Zion in prayer unto God.

Questions about the Book of Lamentations

Lamentations is the twenty-fifth book of the bible. Lamentations in the Hebrew Bible is in a poetic form, and each of the first four chapters is an acrostic, the first verse beginning with the first letter of the alphabet, the second with the second letter, and so on. Jeremiah's burden of sympathy for Jerusalem discloses the love and sorrow of the Lord for the very people whom he is chastening, a burden similar to that which the Lord Jesus Christ expressed in His lament over Jerusalem. The book of Lamentations can be divided by its chapters, each of which contains a different Lamentation. The author of this book is Jeremiah. Listed below are questions on the book of Lamentations. These questions can be used for Sunday school or bible study to help all young converts study the scriptures and may God bless you always.

Lamentations Chapter 1

- 1) How did the writer describe the city in book? (1:1-2)
- 2) What happened to Judah? (1:3)
- 3) What did the empty roads to Zion depict in book? (1:4-6) 5
- 4) What did Jerusalem recall in this book? (1:7)
- 5) How had the city become ruined in these verses? (1:8-11)
- 6) Who punished Jerusalem in this book? (1:12)
- 7) How had the daughter of Judah suffered in book? (1:13-16)
- 8) Why were Zion's pleas for help ignored in book? (1:17-19)
- 9) What price did Zion pay for her rebellion in these verses? (1:18-19)
- 10) How did devastated Jerusalem describe her condition in book? (1:20-22)
- 11) What was Zion's prayer for her enemies in these verses? (1:21-22)

Lamentations Chapter 2

- 1) What did the Lord do to the Daughter of Zion in these two verses? (2:1-2)
- 2) What happened to Judah's strength and power? (2:3)
- 3) What had the Lord become like to the Israelites in book? (2:4-5)
- 4) What did the Lord allow to happen, in his anger, according to these verses? (2:6-7)
- 5) What became of the city, according to this book? (2:8-9)
- 6) How did the destruction of the city affect the elders and young women? (2:10)
- 7) How did the author respond to the harrowing scenes of destruction? (2:11)
- 8) What happened to the children because of the consequences of war in these verses? (2:11-12)
- 9) How deep was the trouble that had overtaken God's people? (2:13)
- 10) How had the false prophets misled the people? (2:14)

- 11) How did Israel's enemies respond to her ruin in book? (2:15-16)
- 12) What was the fearless message of the true prophets? (2:17)
- 13) What was the suffering city told to do in book? (2:18-22)

Lamentations Chapter 3

- 1) How did the writer identify with the sufferings of the people of Judah in these verses? (3:1-18)
- 2) Who were the sufferings of the people directly attributed to, according to these verses? (3:1-18)
- 3) What did the poet recall, according to the book? (3:19-21)
- 4) In the middle of lamenting the siege and destruction of Jerusalem, what profound assurance did the writer express in these verses? (3:22-24)
- 5) What virtues were affirmed by the author in this book? (3:25-27)
- 6) How was God's mercy revealed in suffering, according to these verses? (3:28-33)
- 7) What was intolerable to the Lord in these three verses of this book? (3:34-36)
- 8) How did the writer describe the nature of God's knowledge in these verses? (3:37-38)
- 9) What did the writer say about sin and suffering in verse thirty-nine? (3:39)
- 10) What did the poet urge them to do about, in identifying with God's people in these verses? (3:40-42)
- 11) How did the writer describe the sorrows of sin in these verses? (3:43-54)
- 12) What was the prayer of the penitent sinner, according to these verses? (3:55-66)
- 13) How did the prayer include both comfort and cursing in this book? (3:55-66)

Lamentations Chapter 4

- 1) What was scattered throughout the streets in verse one of this book? (4:1)
- 2) What contrasts did the writer make between Jerusalem in her glory and Jerusalem in her shame in these verses? (4:1-12)
- 3) How did the children fare in the siege of Jerusalem in these verses? (4:2-4) 3
- 4) What happened to the wealthy in verse five of this book? (4:5)
- 5) How did Zion's punishment compare with that of Sodom, according to verse six? (4:6)
- 6) How were the arrogant and self-confident people brought down in this book? (4:7-12)
- 7) What were the reasons for the siege, according to these verses? (4:13-20)
- 8) How were the prophets and priests punished in this book? (4:14-16)
- 9) Why were the people disappointed in their ally in verse seventeen? (4:17)
- 10) What was Judah powerless to avert? (4:18-20)
- 11) What did the future hold for Edom? (4:21)
- 12) What was Zion's hope, according to this book? (4:22)

Lamentations Chapter 5

- 1) What did the people ask the Lord to do in verse one of this book? (5:1)
- 2) What was the predicament of God's people in this book? (5:2-18)
- 3) What were the Jews compelled to do in these verses? (5:4-6)
- 4) What consequences were other generations forced to bear, according to these verses? (5:7-10)
- 5) How did the poet describe the shamefulness of sin in these verses? (5:11-18)
- 6) What was the attitude of God's people? (5:15)
- 7) Why did the Jews face such awful retribution? (5:16)
- 8) What had become of the Davidic dynasty, according to these verses? (5:17-18)
- 9) How did the writer describe God's throne? (5:19)
- 10) What were the longings of God's people in this book? (5:20-22)

Question on Lamentation

Chapter 1

- 1. Where was Judah at the time of the writing of this book? (3)
- 2. Why did the LORD afflict Judah? (5,8)

Chapter 2

- 1. What was the attitude of the writer of this book regarding the punishment of Judah? (11)
- 2. What do all that pass by Jerusalem do? (15)
- 3. What did the LORD fulfill? (17)
- 4. What should the people do to the LORD? (18-19)

Chapter 3

- 1. Why are we not consumed? (22-23)
- 2. What is good for a man? (25-27)
- 3. What did the Lord hear? (56, 61-62)

Chapter 4

- 1. To what is the cruelty of people compared? (3)
- 2. The punishment of the iniquity of God's people was greater than the punishment of what city? (6)

Chapter 5

- 1. What does the writer want the LORD to remember, consider and behold? (1)
- 2. What question does the writer ask the LORD? (20)
- 3. What prayer does the writer pray to the LORD? (21)

Chapter 1

- 1. In captivity
- 2. For the multitude of her transgressions and grievous sins

Chapter 2

- 1. He wept and was sick inside
- 2. They clapped their hands, hissed and wagged their heads at Jerusalem
- 3. His word
- 4. They should cry out, weep and pour out their heart to the LORD

Chapter 3

- 1. Because of the LORD's mercies and his compassions
- 2. That he both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD and bear the yoke of his youth
- 3. Jeremiah's voice and the reproach of those that rose against him

Chapter 4

- 1. Ostriches in the wilderness
- 2. Sodom

Chapter 5

- 1. Their reproach
- 2. Why do you forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time?
- 3. Turn you us to you, renew our days as of old