

THE MESSAGE OF LAMENTATIONS

Introduction – In the aftermath of the violent destruction of Judah/Jerusalem by the pagan Babylonians, the survivors expressed their grief in five poems. Sometimes our suffering is so great only a mournful song can capture our true feelings.

A. Jerusalem is presented as a woman in extreme distress.

Lamentations 1:1-2

Lamentations 1:12, 18

B. A man of suffering finds real hope.

Lamentations 3:1-3

Lamentations 3:21-23

Lamentations 3:24-26

C. The final lament to Yahweh

Lamentations 5:19-22

Conclusion – There is no simple formula to explain human suffering. God offers us only Jesus on the cross.

1 Peter 2:20-21