

#46 - No One to Comfort (Lamentations 1)

I. The Book of Lamentations

- This book contains five poems in the category of _____.
- Description of lament poems:
 - cries of _____ to God because of some tragedy, calamity, etc.
 - expressions of strong _____ (sadness, anger, confusion, etc.)
 - do not always include an _____ of God's deliverance
- The poems in Lamentations are clearly composed in the aftermath of the _____ of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.
- In the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, the book begins with a note that _____ wrote these poems.
- The poems are composed as _____, meaning there is a verse for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet (22 characters).
- They stand in Scripture as a _____ to the pain felt by those who witnessed Jerusalem's destruction and as a _____ for how to express the pain we often feel as the people of God in a fallen world.

II. Lamentations 1

- How does the poet describe the city? (1-9a)
- What does Lady Zion cry out? (9b)
- How does the poet describe the situation? (10-11a)
- How does Lady Zion describe what happened? (11b-16)
- How does the poet describe the city? (17)
- What does Lady Zion say to God? (18-22)