

#47 - The Lord Has Done It (Lamentations 2)

- **Thought Question:** How would you explain the following verses?
 - “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Matt. 5:4)
 - “Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.” (James 5:9)

- **As you read Lamentations 2, ask:**
 - What is the most startling thing said about God in this poem?
 - What is the intended effect of the imagery in the poem?
 - What lesson does the poet want us to learn?

- I. The Lord Has ... (2:1-10)**
 - God has taken out everything the people _____ on. Including:

 - Why would God do all of this?

- II. How Shall I Admonish? (2:11-17)**
 - Sickening description of the _____ ravaging Jerusalem. (11-12)
 - The prophets are responsible because they did not _____ the iniquity of the people. (13-14)
 - Shame and humiliation on Jerusalem, because God was accomplishing His _____ and His purposes. (15-17)

- III. See, O Lord, and Look! (2:18-22)**
 - Another horrifying description, this time of the women who _____ their children. (20, see Deuteronomy 28:53-57)
 - Plus priests and prophets slain in the _____. (20)
 - Jerusalem looks out on her streets full of _____ –slaughtered by God in His anger. (21-22)