

### Thematic Outline of the Book of Lamentations – Ed Anthony

Lost Devotion – Gained Affliction – O Lord Behold My Affliction – Despair		
Chapter 1	How <b>lonely</b> sits the city (1, 19) – a <b>widow</b> (1)	From princess among the nations to slavery (1)
<b>The city afflicted</b>	None to comfort her; no resting place (2, 3, 9, 16, 17, 21)	She <b>weeps</b> (2, 16); Daughter of Zion (6)
	Mourning and gates are desolate (4)	Jerusalem remembers <b>days of old</b> (7); sinned (8)
<b>A mourning widow</b>	My affliction (5, 7, 9), sorrow (12), suffering (18), groans (4, 8, 11, 21-2)	Foes now the head (5); the sword (20)
<b>After Destruction</b>	Seeking bread (11); my neck (14), <b>eyes weeping</b> (16), <b>heart turned</b> (20, 22)	<b>Fire</b> from on high (13)
Alas!	You have brought the day (21)	Virgin daughter of Judah (15) – winepress
	<b>Look, O Lord</b> (9, 11, 20)	Metaphors – fire, net, yoke, grapes
Chapter 2	Swallowed up (2, 5 (2), 8, 16)	Israel (1, 3, 5); Jacob (2, 3)
<b>Source of affliction</b>	No comfort (13); <b>eyes weeping</b> (11, 18) False prophets (14) and priests (20)	Fallen by the sword (21); day of anger (22)
<b>Destruction</b>	Fruit of the womb as food (2:19-20); <b>famine</b> (11-12)	Head of every street (19)
<b>A weeping daughter</b>	Flaming <b>fire</b> (2:3, 4)	Daughter of Jerusalem (13, 15), Judah (2, 5), my people (11) Daughter of Zion (1, 4, 8, 10, 13 (virgin), 18)
Alas!	<b>Look, O Lord</b> (20)	Metaphors - fire, measuring line, garden, sea
Chapter 3	Affliction – gravel, ashes, gall (1-20)	
<b>Hope in affliction</b>	<b>Eyes and weeping</b> (48, 49, 51)	Hope (18, 21, 24, 26, 29)
<b>Despair to Prayer</b>	Hope – Lord’s steadfast love and mercy (21-24, 29, 32)	Salvation is of the Lord (26)
<b>An afflicted man</b>	Test and examine our ways (40)	Until the Lord looks down from heaven and sees (50)
Chapter 4	Gold grown dim – sons of Zion (1, 2); consumed (11)	Chastisement greater than Sodom (6)
<b>Reason for affliction</b>	Defiled with blood (13-15); <b>eyes failed</b> (17) False prophets and priests (13)	Another nation could not save (17); days numbered (18)
<b>Tarnished gold</b>	Fruit of the womb as food (4:9-10); <b>famine</b> (1-5)	Head of every street (1)
<b>Destruction</b>	A <b>fire</b> (4:11)	Daughter of my people (6); Daughter of Edom (21, 22)
Alas!	The cup shall pass (21)	Metaphors – pots, snow, milk, sapphire, fire, eagles
Chapter 5	Orphans – our mother like <b>widows</b> (3)	Slaves rule over us (8)
<b>Hope in Affliction</b>	No rest (5) pursuers (5)	Dancing to mourning (15) Lost inheritance (2)
<b>After Destruction</b>	Left the city gate and mourning (14)	<b>Days of old</b> (21) Fathers and we sinned (7, 16)
<b>Prayer</b>	Our disgrace (1); woe to us (16); sick (17)	Crown fallen from our head (16); The sword (9)
	Seeking bread (6, 9) necks (5); <b>heart</b> (15,17); <b>eyes</b> (17-18)	Skin hot as an oven; burning heat (10)
	Why forsake us for many days (20)	
	<b>Remember, O Lord</b> (1, 19, 21)	Your throne endures to all generations (19)
Renewed Devotion – Restore Us to Yourself O Lord – Prayer		