

The Lamentations of Jeremiah

Author

Who is the author of the Book of Lamentations?

Date

When is it likely the book was written?

Place in the Canon

Does Jewish and Christian tradition hold that the Book of Lamentations is part of the canonical scriptures?

Structure

What is the structure of the book?

Content and Themes

What is the content of the book and what are the two main themes?

What does chapter 1 address? (Note 1:1–22)

Read 1:4 What is the meaning of the word Zion? (Note 1:4)

Read 1:12–22 What is the significance of these verses? (Note 1:12–22)

Word Study—The Daughter of Zion

What does the second lament address? (Note 2:1–22)

Read 2:1 How does God manifest his anger? (Note 2:1)

Read 2:14 What did the false prophets proclaim? (Note 2:14)

Read 2:15. How does this verse relate to the occurrences during the crucifixion of Jesus? (Note 2:15)

Read 2:20 Is cannibalism a curse of the Mosaic covenant? (Note 2:20)

What does the third and Central lament focus on? (Note 3:1–66)

Read 3:25 Is it profitable to trust in the Lord? (Note 3:25)

Read 3:31–33 How is God's justice and mercy connected? (Note 3:31-33)

What does the lament in chapter 4 focus on? (Note 4:1–22)

Read 4:5 What is the significance of the color purple? (Note 4:5)

Read 4:7 What is the meaning of the term whiter than milk? (Note 4:7)

Read 4:20 What is the meaning of the term "the breath of our nostrils"? (Note 4:20)

What is the fifth and final lament? (Note 5:1-22)

Read 5:6 Did Egypt and Assyria prove to be reliable alliances? (Note 5:6)

The Book of Baruch

Author and Date

Who is the author and when was it written?

Place in the Canon

Is Baruch in the Jewish or Protestant canons?

Structure

What are the four major sections of the book?

Content and Themes

What are the content and themes presented in this book?

Read 1:1 Who is Baruch? (Note 1:1)

Read 1:10-11 Were there still sacrifices being offered at the site of the ruined sanctuary after the destruction of the temple? (Note 1:10–11)

Was intercessory prayer on behalf of governor rulers practiced in Israel? (Note 1:11)

What do verses 1:15–2:10 address? (Note 1: 15–2:10)

Read 2:3 Were parents eating their children when the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem? (Note 2:3)

What do verses 2:11–3:8 address? (Note 2:11–3:8)

Read 2:21–23 Did Jeremiah counsel the people to submit to Babylonian rule? (Note 2:21–23)

Read 2:27-28 Did the Jewish tradition hold that Moses was the author of the Pentateuch? (Note 2:28)

Read 2:29-35 What is a heart that obeys? (Note 2:31)

Does God promise to initiate a new and everlasting covenant that will supplant the Mosaic Covenant? (Note 2:35)

Read 3:1-6 Do souls of the deceased still pray to God? (Note 3:4)

What do verses 3:9-4:4 address? (Note 3:9-4:4)

Read 3:29-30 Is wisdom difficult to find beyond the nation of Israel? (Note 3:29-30)

Read 3:37 Is wisdom personified as one who comes down from heaven? (Note 3:37)

Read 4:3 What advantages did the Israelites have over the gentiles? (Note 4:3)

Read 4:7 Does worshiping the demons open up demonic access? (Note 4:7)

Read 4:25 Does this verse foretell the fall of Babylon? (Note 4:25)

Read 5:1–9 Is the prophet exhorting the people? (Note 5:1-9)

What do versus 6:1–73 address? (Note 6:1–73)