

LAMENTATIONS

TITLE : LAMENT but also HOPE for guilty ZION

Key verse : 3:31 For the LORD will not cast off forever , but though he cause grief , he will have compassion according to his steadfast love ; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

Acrostic LAMENT 1		Acrostic LAMENT 2		Acrostic LAMENT 3			Acrostic LAMENT 4		Non acrostic LAMENT 5
City of ZION groans		LORD in ANGER		HOPE in God's steadfast LOVE			LORD's ANGER		City of ZION mourns
O LORD LOOK At my SUFFERING!		casts City of Zion down		He does not cast off forever			Chastisement seen on City of Zion's streets.		O LORD LOOK at our SLAVERY!
1:1	Filthy Jerusalem is desolate	2:1	LORD has cast ZION down	3:1	DESPAIR - I am afflicted- made desolate	3:22	HOPE- God's steadfast love never ceases	4:1	Gold lies scattered on her streets
1:12	LOOK! "LORD afflicted me "	2:11	Ruined Zion should weep	3:43	CONFIDENCE- God will repay wrongs	4:17	Prophets' and priests sinned	5:1	Captive Zion's misery

Nb. based on number of LINES not verses as this gives a truer picture of the books proportions and authors possible intent.