

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION
LAMENTATIONS 3

1. Since we already have multiple records of the siege and fall of Jerusalem in Jeremiah and Kings and Chronicles, why do you think God included Lamentations in the Bible?
2. Read through Lamentations 3:1-39
3. In verses 1-16, God's name isn't used, but is referred to in the third person ("he"). Why do you think this is?
4. Discuss the many ways God is describes in those verses (1-16). Are there any which surprise or disturb you?
5. Psalm 139:6 and Lamentations 3:6 use similar language but with a very different tone. Discuss the benefits and pitfalls of an omnipotent and omniscient God?
6. Read Revelation 3:19
7. What's the difference between the punishment of Lamentations and the discipline spoken of in Revelation? (cf Heb 12:5-11; 1 Cor 11:32)
8. Why is there a change of mood in verse 22? What is it based on? (see also verse 21)
9. Do you have true things about God stored up for rainy days? How can you be prepared for them?
10. What kind of mercies do you think he is referring to in verses 22-23? What do you think are God's daily new mercies for you today?
11. Given the context of verses 1-20, verses 22 onwards sound like wishful thinking. What makes it different?
12. In verses 25-30, the writer gives advice. Should you follow it? Why/why not?
13. Read Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 3:18a. Discuss what has changed since Lamentations was written.