

Lamentations 1-2

- Understanding the nature of lament
- Understanding what had happened to Israel
- The siege of Jerusalem (Jer 52:4-11)

Context (1:1-3)

An expression of Israel's...

- Suffering (eg 1:12)
- Abandonment (1:16-17)
- Hopelessness (2:20-22)

An understanding of suffering

- It does not mean that all suffering comes from God...
- ...but in their case it does

For the future

- There is hope to look forward to
- But in the meantime there is a place for lament