

## **Thematic Structure of The Book of Lamentations**

1. The Sorrowing Widow (1)
2. Sorrow at the Just Wrath of Yahweh (2)
3. The Afflicted Man Who Has Hope (3)
4. The Contrast Between the past and the Present (4)
5. Prayer for Restoration (5)

### **Main Theme:**

The book of Lamentations consists of five poems that describe the suffering of Israel as a result of Yahweh's judgment.

### **Major Themes**

- A. Sorrow
- B. God's Wrath
- C. Judgment
- D. Covenant

### **Key Text**

#### **Lamentations 3:31-33**

*<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not cast off forever, <sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup> for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.*