

## Lamentations 5

### Non-Acrostic, Asymmetry, the Corporate Voices of Prayer and the Lord Forever (*ôlam*)

Form:

1. 22 verses, but \_\_\_\_\_
2. Smallest chapter of the book because \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Chap 1— \_\_\_\_\_ lines of Hebrew; \_\_\_ lines per verse
  - b. Chap 2— \_\_\_\_\_ lines of Hebrew; \_\_\_ lines per verse
  - c. Chap 3— \_\_\_\_\_ lines of Hebrew; \_\_\_ lines per letter of Hebrew alphabet
  - d. Chap 4— \_\_\_\_\_ lines of Hebrew; \_\_\_ lines per verse
  - e. Chap 5— \_\_\_\_\_ lines of Hebrew; \_\_\_ line per verse
3. No \_\_\_\_\_
4. No parallel \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion:

Structure:

Any pattern apparent?

Language of v. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf. Ps. 132:1; 25:6; 89:50)

Voice? \_\_\_\_\_

What? \_\_\_\_\_

Detail? \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 19-22

Form of the Hebrew text:

v. 19— 3 plus 4-word cola

v. 20— 3 plus 3-word cola

v. 21— 3 plus 4-word cola

v. 22— 3 plus 3-word cola (2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> words in construct state=2 words hooked as 1)

v. 19—YHWH sits (יֹשֵׁב) “to eternity” (*leôlam*)

Contrast: 1:1—lonely sits (יֹשֵׁב) the city

v. 19 O Lord you to eternity sit

(O Lord) throne your to generation and generation (sits)

v. 20 Why us forget to everlasting/forever?

(Why) us forsake to length of days?

v. 21 O Lord restore us to you and we are restored

(O Lord) renew our days as of old/before

v. 22 Although/even if (כִּי אַף) rejecting us you have rejected

(Although/even if [(כִּי אַף)]) angry against us to exceedingly/abundance

Alt. v. 22 Have you rejecting rejected us?

Have you been exceedingly angry against us?

**NB:** Lam. 3:32— “For if/Even if (כִּי אַף) he causes grief”

Even if you have utterly rejected us?

Even if you are exceedingly angry with us?