Lamentations Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What is the primary theme of Lamentations?

Ⓐ Mourning over Jerusalem's destruction
Ⓑ Historical genealogy
Ⓒ Joy and celebration
Ⓓ Prophetic visions

2. What does the author say about God's compassions?

Ⓐ They are only for certain people
Ⓑ They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness
Ⓒ They depend on our behavior
Ⓓ They have ended forever

3. Which key theme is most prominent throughout Lamentations?

Ⓐ Joy of salvation
Ⓑ Prophetic hope
Ⓒ God's mercy
Ⓓ Grief and mourning

4. Which city is the focus of the lament in the book of Lamentations?

Ⓐ Jerusalem
Ⓑ Nineveh
Ⓒ Samaria
Ⓓ Bethlehem

5. How does Lamentations conclude about God's throne?

Ⓐ God's throne has been overthrown
Ⓑ God has abandoned His throne
Ⓒ God's rule is temporary
Ⓓ You, O Lord, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation

6. What is the primary subject of the book of Lamentations?

Ⓐ The destruction of Jerusalem and the temple
Ⓑ The life of King David
Ⓒ The exodus from Egypt
Ⓓ The creation of the world

7. **What does the author pray regarding God's remembrance?**
   - Ⓐ Forget our troubles completely
   - Ⓑ Remember only our good deeds
   - Ⓒ Don't pay attention to our situation
   - Ⓓ Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us; look and behold our reproach

8. **What does the writer say is good for a man?**
   - Ⓐ It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth
   - Ⓑ It is good to avoid all hardship
   - Ⓒ It is good to trust in wealth
   - Ⓓ It is good to live only for pleasure

9. **Which key lesson about God's character is emphasized in Lamentations?**
   - Ⓐ God is indifferent
   - Ⓑ God always punishes immediately
   - Ⓒ God is only just and not merciful
   - Ⓓ God's mercy endures forever despite suffering

10. **How does the book describe Jerusalem after its fall?**
    - Ⓐ Like a widow who was once great among the nations
    - Ⓑ Like a victorious warrior
    - Ⓒ Like a thriving marketplace
    - Ⓓ Like a peaceful garden

11. **What attitude does the author recommend in times of suffering?**
    - Ⓐ Complain loudly about injustice
    - Ⓑ Take revenge against enemies
    - Ⓒ Give up all hope
    - Ⓓ It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord

12. **In Lamentations, what does the phrase 'The Lord's lovingkindnesses' refer to?**
    - Ⓐ The exile's hope
    - Ⓑ The city's defenses
    - Ⓒ The prophets' messages
    - Ⓓ God's mercy and compassion

13. **How does the book describe the completeness of Jerusalem's destruction?**
    - Ⓐ The city was quickly rebuilt
    - Ⓑ Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has destroyed her bars
    - Ⓒ Nothing was actually destroyed
    - Ⓓ Only minor damage occurred

14. Which chapter vividly describes Jerusalem's suffering as 'she that was great among the nations'?

Ⓐ Chapter 2
Ⓑ Chapter 3
Ⓒ Chapter 4
Ⓓ Chapter 1

15. How does the author describe God's heart toward judgment?

Ⓐ He does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men
Ⓑ He is indifferent to human pain
Ⓒ He enjoys bringing suffering
Ⓓ He acts randomly without purpose

Answer key: Lamentations Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **A. Mourning over Jerusalem's destruction**

Lamentations primarily mourns the devastation of Jerusalem and the suffering of its people following the Babylonian siege (Lamentations 1:1-22).

2. **B. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness**

Lamentations 3:22-23 contains this famous declaration of God's new mercies each morning.

3. **D. Grief and mourning**

The book deeply explores themes of grief, mourning, and lament over Jerusalem’s destruction and the people’s suffering (Lamentations 1-4).

4. **A. Jerusalem**

Lamentations mourns the destruction of Jerusalem following its siege and fall to Babylon (Lamentations 1:1).

5. **D. You, O Lord, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation**

Lamentations 5:19 affirms God's eternal reign despite the temporary destruction.

6. **A. The destruction of Jerusalem and the temple**

Lamentations mourns the destruction of Jerusalem and Solomon's temple by the Babylonians in 586 BC.

7. **D. Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us; look and behold our reproach**

Lamentations 5:1 begins the final chapter with this plea for God to remember their suffering.

8. **A. It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth**

Lamentations 3:27 teaches that bearing discipline and responsibility in youth is beneficial.

9. **D. God's mercy endures forever despite suffering**

Lamentations 3:22-23 highlight that God's mercy is renewed every morning, even amidst suffering and punishment.

10. **A. Like a widow who was once great among the nations**

Lamentations 1:1 compares fallen Jerusalem to a widow, emphasizing her desolation and loss.

11. **D. It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord**

Lamentations 3:26 counsels quiet waiting for God's salvation during trials.

12. **D. God's mercy and compassion**
Lamentations 3:22-23 emphasizes God's unfailing mercy, which renews each morning despite the suffering endured.

13. **B. Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has destroyed her bars**
Lamentations 2:9 vividly describes the complete destruction of Jerusalem's defenses.

14. **D. Chapter 1**
Lamentations 1 vividly depicts Jerusalem's desolation, referring to her as 'great among the nations' (Lamentations 1:1).

15. **A. He does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men**
Lamentations 3:33 reveals that God does not willingly afflict or grieve people.

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