# February 3, 2021
## *Lamentations 4*
## *How self-destruction can grow into forgiveness?*

4:1-10 – The Suffering of Jerusalem's Children

1:2: Jerusalem's children have been scattered

3-6: starved

7-10: Fate of their elders

4:11-16 – God's Punishing of Jerusalem's Religious Leaders

From a more detached speaker who addressed Jerusalem's punishment as part of the day of the Lord and describes the sins and suffering of Jerusalem's priests and prophets.

4:17-20 – The Power of Jerusalem's Enemies

17 – The Loss of Friends

18-19 – The Failure of Escape

20 – The Capture of David's Heirs

4:21-22 – The End of Jerusalem's Suffering

Nations that rejoice over Jerusalem's day of punishment will experience God's wrath in due course (v. 21), but Jerusalem can take comfort that her punishment has concluded (v. 22).