

{25} Lamentations

(3) Surely He has turned against me; He turned His hand *against me* all the day.
(4) My flesh and my skin He has made old; He has broken my bones.
(5) He has built against me, and encircled *me* with bitterness and hard labor.
(6) He has set me in dark places, as *those who are* dead of old.
(7) He has hedged me about, that I cannot get out: He has made my chain heavy.
(8) Also when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer.
(9) He has enclosed my ways with cut stone, He has made my paths crooked.
(10) He *was* to me *as* a bear lying in wait, *and as* a lion in secret places.
(11) He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: He has made me desolate.
(12) He has bent His bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
(13) He has caused the arrows of His quiver {arrow container} to enter into my heart.
(14) I was a derision to all my people; *and* their song all the day.
(15) He has filled me with bitterness, He has made me drunken with bitter wood.
(16) He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones, He has covered me with ashes.
(17) And You have removed my soul far off from peace: I have forgotten prosperity.
(18) And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD {Jehovah}:

(19) Remembering my affliction and my misery, the bitter wood and the gall.
(20) My soul still remembers *them*, and is humbled in me.
(21) This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.
(22) *It is because of* the LORD's {Jehovah's} mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions do not fail.
(23) *They are new every morning: great is Your faithfulness.*
(24) My soul says, The LORD {Jehovah} is my portion; therefore I will hope in Him.
(25) The LORD {Jehovah} is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul *that* seeks Him.
(26) *It is good that a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD {Jehovah}.
(27) *It is good for a man that he carry the burden in his youth.*
(28) He sits alone and keeps silence, because he has carried *it* himself.
(29) He puts his mouth in the dust; if perhaps there may be hope.
(30) He gives *his* cheek to him who strikes him: he is filled full with reproach.
(31) Because the Lord will not cast off forever:
(32) But though He cause grief, yet He will have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.
(33) Because He does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.