

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 34

The prophet Habakkuk demands that God answer his question: “How can you let a godless nation like Babylon destroy a godly nation like Judah?” What is God’s response to Habakkuk’s question? What does God have in store for Babylon according to Habakkuk? Why? What is God going to do for the Israelites? Why?

What happens to the Jews left in Judah after the Babylonian exile? To where do they flee? Why? Is this in accordance with God’s wishes according to Jeremiah? What does God say will happen to this group of Jews? Why? (Jeremiah 41-45)

Who is Jeremiah pronouncing God’s judgment upon in Jeremiah 46-50? Why? What would this have meant to the Jews living in exile in Babylon?

According to Jeremiah’s prophecy, how will Babylon’s empire be destroyed and by whom? What advice does God have for the Jews living in Babylon at the end of the exile? Why? (Jeremiah 51)

What is a lament? What is the author of Lamentations lamenting?

The Book of Lamentations witnesses to the reality of human suffering. Why, in your understanding, is there suffering in the world? What role, if any, do you believe God plays in that suffering?