

The Hebrew Alphabet in Lamentations 3

| <u>Lam. 3</u> | <u>key words</u> | <u>Hebrew letter - meaning</u> | <u>Bible number</u> | <u>meaning</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| v 1 - 3 | <i>affliction</i> | Aleph - adoption | 1 | Unity of God |
| v 4 - 6 | <i>broken</i> | Beth - blessing | 2 | union or division |
| v 7 - 9 | <i>chains</i> | Gimel - charity | 3 | Resurrection |
| v 10 - 12 | <i>desolate</i> | Daleth - door | 4 | the world |
| v 13 - 15 | <i>bitter song</i> | He * - Hallel = <i>praise</i> | 5 | grace or death |
| v 16 - 18 | <i>perished</i> | Vau * - man | 6 | man |
| v 19 - 21 | <i>my soul</i> | Zain - spirit / struggle | 7 | spiritual completeness |
| v 22 - 24 | <i>new mercies</i> | Cheth - new beginning | 8 | new creation |
| v 25 - 27 | <i>good, 3x</i> | Teth - good (Gen 1:4) | 9 | spiritual fruit |
| v 28 - 30 | <i>may be hope</i> | Jod * - creation | 10 | the Law / Testimony |
| v 31 - 33 | <i>cast off, grief</i> | Caph - crown (5:16) | 11 | disorder / Judgment |
| v 34 - 36 | <i>the most High</i> | Lamed - learning | 12 | God's Government |
| v 37 - 39 | <i>evil : punishment</i> | Mem - water, waves | 13 | depravity / rebellion |
| v 40 - 42 | <i>turn to the Lord</i> | Nun - faithfulness | 14 | Deliverance / Salvation |
| v 43 - 45 | <i>prayer...not pass</i> | Samech - God's help | 15 | Rest |
| v 46 - 48 | <i>desolation</i> | Ain - spiritual vision | 16 | Charity / Love |
| v 49 - 51 | | Pe - mouth | 17 | Victory |
| v 52 - 54 | | Tzaddi - righteous | 18 | bondage |
| v 55 - 57 | | Koph - holy / growth | 19 | Faith |
| v 58 - 60 | | Resh - wicked, evil | 20 | expectancy, waiting |
| v 61 - 63 | | Schin - Divine Power | 21 | Resurrection Complete |
| v 64 - 66 | | Tau - Perfect Truth | 22 | True Light |

The Hebrew *Aleph-beit*

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| א | Aleph | letter for God as "Creator and King." |
| ב | Beit | letter for "house and Temple." |
| ג | Gimel | letter for "loving kindness and culmination." |
| ד | Dalet | letter for "the door." |
| ה | Hay | letter for the "breath of God." |
| ו | Vav | letter for "completion and redemption." |
| ז | Zayin | "focal point of sustenance and struggle." |
| ח | Chet | letter for "transcendence, life, and grace." |
| ט | Tet | letter for "serpent and objective good." |
| י | Jod | letter for "creation and metaphysical." |
| כ | ך Kaf | letter for "crowning accomplishment." |
| ל | Lamed | letter for "teaching and learning." |
| מ | ם Mem | letter for "water," "revealed, and concealed." |
| נ | ן Nun | letter for "faithfulness, soul, and emergence." |
| ס | Samech | letter for "support and Divine presence." |
| ע | Ayin | letter for "sight and insight." |
| פ | ף Peh | letter for "mouth and speech." |
| צ | ץ Tzaddi | letter for "righteousness and humility." |
| ק | Koph | letter for "holiness and growth cycles." |
| ר | Resh | letter for "the wicked." |
| ש | Shin | letter for "Divine power and provision." |
| ת | Tav | letter for "truth and perfection." |

Five letters have two forms—the first form is used if the letter appears at the beginning or in the midst of a word. The final form is used if the letter appears at the end of a word. The five final forms are:

ך Kaf, ם Mem, ן Nun, ף Peh, and ץ Tzaddi.