Lesson 1 for Tenebrae

Lamentations 1:1-5  
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A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet.

A leph. How solitary lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations! She that was queen among the cities has now become a vassal. Beth. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears run down her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Gilgal. Judah has gone into the misery of exile and
of hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; all
her pursuers overtook her in the midst of her anguish. Da - leth.

The roads to Zi-on mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts; all her gates are
deso late, her priests groan and sigh; her virgins are afflicted, and she is in
bitterness. He. Her adversaries have become her masters, her
enemies prosper; because the Lord has punished her for the multitude of her re-
bel-lions; her children are gone, driven away as captives by the ene - my.

Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, re - turn to the Lord your God!