**UNDERSTANDING SUFFERING**

Why do bad things happen? What is the divine role in human suffering?

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|  | **Your own view** | **ANE documents outside of Bible** | **Deuteronomistic History** | **Pre-exilic prophets** | **Second Isaiah** |
| resources | Your religious tradition, experience | The Sumerian City Laments and the Book of Lamentations: A Comparative Theological View. Dr. Nili Samet [https://thetorah.com/sumerian-city-laments-and-the-book-of-lamentations/](%20%20https%3A/thetorah.com/sumerian-city-laments-and-the-book-of-lamentations/)This website is talking particularly about the book of Lamentations. We aren’t looking at Lamentations right now but use this site for insight into the theology of the Sumerian City Laments—documents from ancient Mesopotamia. | Our learning about Joshua-Kings | Our learning about Amos, Hosea, First Isaiah | Esp. its discussion of the Suffering ServantIsa. 52:13-53:12CollinsThrough the top of p. 164 of the “Suffering Servant” article in our Resource folder  |
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