

Psalm 79

How to suffer



Terrible suffering

- Devastated by Babylon (v1-4)
 - Temple destroyed, Jerusalem sacked, people in misery (v1-3; 2 Kings 25 p397)
 - God's people mocked (v4,10a)
- Devastated by the LORD (v5-7)
 - God was at work to punish Judah (v5)
 - For sins past and present (v8-9)
 - Yet divine punishment allows hope... (v5)
 - May God work to punish Babylon! (v6-7)

Godly suffering

- Confessing the need for grace (v8)
- Concerned for God's glory (v9-12)
 - 'Yahweh' mocked (v10a)
 - Glory to be had in judgement (v10b,12)
 - Glory to be had in salvation (v11)
- Confident... (v13)
 - ...that they belong to God
 - ...that they have an eternal future
 - ...in the Shepherd King (John 10:11)
