

How to Use *The Literature of Destruction*

This Anthology was written in reverse!

- Began w/20th cent. & worked backwards
- Created my own citation index
- Those classical, ancient sources most often cited [**p. 633**]
- To understand the modern response, needed to know the classical sources
- To understand how the classical sources were understood, needed to study their modern applications
- Scripture as blueprint; life-as-a-text

Learn to follow the Rashi script [=my expectations]

- Explication, explanation of terms, difficult hist. refs.
- Much easier now that there's the internet
- **Intertextual, inner-Biblical midrash**
- How these texts echo, parody, each other
- Agree or disagree, confirm or contradict*
- The politics, theology, art of citation
- Central to JTS curriculum

*Lam. 1:5 (p. 24)

Her enemies are now the masters / her foes are at ease

=instantiation of Deut. 28:43 (p. 17)

Q: Is this good news or bad news?

Lam 1:10 (p. 25) = reversal of Biblical promise in Deut. 23:4

= breach of contract!

Past Significance & Present Meaning; *what it is vs. what it becomes*

A. Biblical Criticism

Tokheka = Treaty Curses

Lamentations = ANET City Lament

How Biblical monotheism differs

B. Inner-Biblical Midrash

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The Torah as Intertextual wonderland

C. Liturgical afterlife

D. Historical resonance; present-day application

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Leviticus 17 (p. 17)

- The promises are now the warnings, but they are of 1955
- Introduction of Deut. 38:43 (p. 17)
- O: Is this good news of bad news?
- Lam. 1:19 (p. 22) = reversal of biblical promise in Leviticus 23:4
- A: A person of control

Two different kinds of present meaning; what it is when it arrives

A. A biblical Chiasm

Torah = Jewish Law

Tanakh = Jewish Bible

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