

**THE “BEFORE” & “AFTER” PICTURES
OF GOD’S PEOPLE (LAM. 4:1–8)**

How They Had Once Been	How They Had Become
Gold/sacred stones (4:1, 2)	Earthen jars (4:2)
Enjoyed delicacies (4:5)	Had no bread/great thirst (4:4)
Reared in purple (4:5)	Embracing ash pits (4:5)
Purer than snow (4:7)	Greater sin than Sodom (4:6)
White (like milk), delicate skin (4:7)	Blacker than soot (4:8)
Ruddy, handsome bodies (4:7)	Shriveled skin (4:8)
Polished people (4:7)	Skin withered like wood (4:8)