

# Ezekiel 19:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.' The vine's own branches produce fire that consumes it—internal destruction. 'No strong rod to be a sceptre to rule' means no legitimate king. The final line affirms this as qinah (lamentation) for a dynasty that destroyed itself through rebellion. The tragedy: self-inflicted, preventable, complete.

## Historical Context

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Zedekiah's rebellion (the 'rod' producing fire) led to Jerusalem's final destruction and the end of Davidic political rule. The dynasty's sins brought its own judgment. For centuries, no Davidic king ruled until Jesus Christ, the ultimate Davidic King, came. This lament prepares for the hope of restoration in later chapters.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does human rebellion contribute to our own suffering?
2. What hope does Christ as the true Davidic King offer to this lament?

## Interlinear Text

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| וַיֵּצֵא א  | אֵשׁ                  | מִטָּה        | בְּדֵי יָהּ     | פְּרִי הָ                  | אָכַלָּהּ           |
| is gone out | And fire              | of a rod      | of her branches | her fruit                  | which hath devoured |
| H3318       | H784                  | H4294         | H905            | H6529                      | H398                |
| וְלֹא       | הָיָה                 | בָּהּ         | מִטָּה          | עַל ז                      | שֶׁבֶט              |
| H3808       | H1961                 | H0            | of a rod        | so that she hath no strong | to be a sceptre     |
|             |                       |               | H4294           | H5797                      | H7626               |
| לְמַשׁ וּלְ | לְקִינָה:             | וַתְּהִי יָהּ | לְקִינָה:       |                            |                     |
| to rule     | This is a lamentation | H1931         | H1961           | This is a lamentation      |                     |
| H4910       | H7015                 |               |                 | H7015                      |                     |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 19:1** (Parallel theme): Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

**Ezekiel 19:11** (Parallel theme): And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

**2 Kings 24:20** (Parallel theme): For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.