

# Ezekiel 19:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.' The young lion's fate: trapped and exiled. 'Taken in their pit' suggests capture through strategy, not merely military defeat. 'Chains unto...Egypt' describes Jehoahaz's humiliating deportation. The mighty lion reduced to a chained captive—complete reversal of royal expectations. This fulfills Deuteronomic covenant curses (Deuteronomy 28:36).

## Historical Context

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Pharaoh Necho II captured Jehoahaz after deposing him, installing his brother Jehoiakim as puppet king and imposing heavy tribute on Judah (2 Kings 23:33-35). Jehoahaz never returned from Egypt. Egypt, which Israel fled under Moses, became the prison of Israel's king—bitter irony.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do we see God's sovereign justice even in political tragedies?

2. What does capture by foreign nations teach about the consequences of forsaking God?

## Interlinear Text

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also heard	H413	The nations	in their pit	of him he was taken	and they brought
H8085		H1471	H7845	H8610	H935
בְּחֹתָם	אֶל	אֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם:		
him with chains	H413	unto the land	of Egypt		
H2397		H776	H4714		

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 36:4** (References Egypt): And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

**2 Chronicles 36:6** (Parallel theme): Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.