

Ezekiel 19:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.' The second cub (likely Jehoiachin) follows the same pattern—growing strong, becoming predatory, devouring men. The repetition emphasizes that the second generation didn't learn from the first's fate. Same trajectory, same sins, same consequences. This tragic pattern reflects Judah's persistent rebellion despite repeated warnings.

Historical Context

Jehoiachin (also called Jeconiah or Coniah) reigned only three months (597 BC) before Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and deported him to Babylon with the royal family, officials, and craftsmen (2 Kings 24:8-16). Like his predecessor, his reign was evil (2 Kings 24:9).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why do we often repeat destructive patterns despite witnessing others' failures?
2. How can we break cycles of generational sin and foolishness?

Interlinear Text

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| And he went up and down | among | the lions | he became a young lion | |
| H1980 | H8432 | H738 | H3715 | H1961 |
| וַיִּלְמַד | לִטְרוֹף | טָרֵף | אֲדָמָה | אָכַל: |
| and learned | to catch | the prey | men | and devoured |
| H3925 | H2963 | H2964 | H120 | H398 |

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