

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 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

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

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