

Ezekiel 19:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.' The young lion's predation causes comprehensive destruction—palaces, cities, land itself desolate. 'The noise of his roaring' suggests both terrifying power and empty boasting. The result: complete devastation. Oppressive leadership destroys the nation it should protect.

Historical Context

Jehoiachin's brief reign saw continued rebellion against Babylon, contributing to the catastrophic siege. Though he personally didn't reign long enough for extensive destruction, his family's policies (particularly his father Jehoiakim's rebellion) led to Jerusalem's devastation. The imagery captures cumulative royal failure.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do leaders' choices affect entire populations beyond themselves?
2. What responsibility do we bear for consequences our actions have on others?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּדַע	אֶלְמְנוֹתַיִם	וְעָרֵיהֶם	הֶחָרַב יָב	וַיֵּהְיֶה שָׁמָּה
And he knew	their desolate palaces	their cities	and he laid waste	was desolate
H3045	H490	H5892	H2717	H3456
אֶרֶץ	וּמְלֵאָהּ	מִקֹּל	שִׁעָרָתוֹ:	
and the land	and the fulness	thereof by the noise	of his roaring	
H776	H4393	H6963	H7581	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 30:12 (Parallel theme): And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken it.