

Ezekiel 19:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.' The nations (Babylon and allies) coordinate against the young lion. 'Set against him...from the provinces' indicates organized, widespread opposition. 'Spread their net...taken in their pit' uses hunting imagery—the predator becomes prey. God's sovereignty appears in Babylon's strategic success.

Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar's 597 BC campaign brought together Babylonian forces and vassal troops from surrounding regions. The siege was swift and effective. Jehoiachin surrendered after three months of reign (2 Kings 24:10-12), fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy that he would be cast out (Jeremiah 22:24-30).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do we see God's hand in political and military events?
2. What does it mean that God uses pagan nations to accomplish His purposes?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּתֵּן	עַל	יְהוָה	סָבִיב	מִמְּדִינֹת
set	H5921	Then the nations	against him on every side	from the provinces
H5414		H1471	H5439	H4082
וַיִּפְרֹשׂ	עַל	רֶשֶׁת	בְּשִׁחָתָם	נִתְפָּשׁ:
and spread	H5921	their net	in their pit	over him he was taken
H6566		H7568	H7845	H8610

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 12:13 (Parallel theme): My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

Ezekiel 19:4 (Parallel theme): The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.