

Isaiah 10:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.

Analysis

The command 'Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim' continues the northward progression of panic. Towns are personified, called to cry out warnings. Gallim, Laish, and Anathoth—each closer to Jerusalem than the last—are told to raise the alarm. 'Poor Anathoth' (Jeremiah's hometown) emphasizes vulnerability. This cascading warning creates dramatic urgency: the enemy approaches; flee or fortify! Yet Isaiah's audience would know the outcome (already revealed in earlier prophecies): God will defend His city, not human defenses or flight.

Historical Context

Anathoth was a Levitical city about 3 miles northeast of Jerusalem, Jeremiah's birthplace (Jeremiah 1:1). Archaeological surveys confirm these towns' locations along the ridge road from the north. The 'poor' designation may indicate Anathoth's small size or vulnerability, or may be prophetic (the town later suffered in the Babylonian invasion). The rapid naming of towns creates a drumbeat of approaching doom—yet God's intervention would turn apparent defeat into miraculous deliverance.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. When danger approaches rapidly, where do you turn first—human solutions or divine protection?
2. How does knowing God's ultimate plan help us endure periods when circumstances seem dire?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 25:44 (Parallel theme): But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

Jeremiah 1:1 (Parallel theme): The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

Joshua 21:18 (Parallel theme): Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities.