

# Isaiah 5:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

## Analysis

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The lion imagery—roaring, seizing prey, carrying away with none to deliver—depicts judgment's terrifying finality. Lions symbolize strength and predatory success; applying this to invading armies shows covenant people becoming prey to former subordinates. The phrase 'none shall deliver' emphasizes abandonment: God, Israel's traditional deliverer, now commissions their destruction. This inverts Exodus deliverance, showing that covenant breaking transforms God from savior to judge.

## Historical Context

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Judah's various appeals for deliverance (Egyptian alliance, tribute to Assyria) proved futile. When God determines judgment, no human intervention avails.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's transformation from deliverer to judge demonstrate the seriousness of covenant unfaithfulness?
2. What false 'deliverers' do we trust in when experiencing divine discipline?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Their roaring</b>	H0	<b>shall be like a lion</b>	<b>they shall roar</b>	<b>like young lions</b>
H7581		H3833	H7580	H3715
וַיִּנָּהֹם	וַיֵּאָחֶז	ט רֶף	וַיִּפֹּל יֵט	וְאֵין
<b>yea they shall roar</b>	<b>and lay hold</b>	<b>of the prey</b>	<b>and shall carry it away safe</b>	H369
H5098	H270	H2964	H6403	
מַצִּיל:				
<b>and none shall deliver</b>				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 42:22** (Parallel theme): But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

**Zechariah 11:3** (Parallel theme): There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

**Micah 5:8** (Parallel theme): And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.