

# Isaiah 56:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.

## Analysis

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A sudden shift: 'All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.' This call to predators symbolizes judgment on unfaithful leaders (verses 10-12). Wild animals invading represents the breakdown of protection when shepherds fail. The contrast with inclusion (verses 1-8) is stark.

## Historical Context

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This may allude to Babylon's invasion or general judgment on covenant unfaithfulness. When spiritual leaders fail, destruction follows. The imagery recalls curses for covenant violation.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What happens when spiritual leadership fails to protect God's people?
2. How does the contrast between inclusion (verses 1-8) and judgment (verses 9-12) relate?

## Interlinear Text

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H3605	<b>All ye beasts</b>	<b>of the field</b>	<b>come</b>	<b>to devour</b>	H3605	<b>All ye beasts</b>
	H2416	H7704	H857	H398		H2416
בַּעַר:						
<b>in the forest</b>						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 12:9** (Parallel theme): Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.