

# Jeremiah 10:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.

## Analysis

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This verse announces invasion: 'Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country.' 'Bruit' (shemu'ah) means report, news—specifically news of approaching army. 'Great commotion' (ra'ash gadol) indicates earthquake-like tumult of marching forces. 'Out of the north country' identifies Babylon, which attacked Judah from the north via the Fertile Crescent. 'To make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.' shemamah (desolation) and tannim (jackals) repeat the judgment refrain—urban civilization reduced to animal lairs. The verse shifts from lament back to urgent warning.

## Historical Context

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The 'noise' of approaching armies traveled ahead of actual invasion—refugees, messengers, commercial travelers spreading news of military movement. Jeremiah's repeated references to the 'north' enemy (1:13-15, 4:6, 6:1, 10:22) consistently identified the threat without always naming Babylon. The phrase 'den of dragons/jackals' appears throughout Jeremiah as the consistent image of urban destruction (9:11, 49:33, 51:37).

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the 'noise' traveling ahead of invasion create psychological warfare before physical attack?
2. What does the transformation of cities into jackal dens signify about reversing civilization to chaos?

## Interlinear Text

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ק ול	שְׁמוּעָה	הִנֵּה	בָּאָה	וְעַשׂ	גָּד וּל	יִמָּא רֶץ
Behold the noise	of the bruit	H2009	is come	commotion	and a great	country
H6963	H8052		H935	H7494	H1419	H776

צָפ וִן	לֵשׁ וּמ	אֶת	עָרֵי	יְהוּדָה	שְׁמָמָה	מֵע וִן
out of the north	to make	H853	the cities	of Judah	desolate	and a den
H6828	H7760		H5892	H3063	H8077	H4583

תַּנִּינִים:

of dragons

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 9:11** (Parallel theme): And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.