

# 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

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

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

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

## **Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation**

## Study Questions

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

מֵאַת	בָּאַה	הַבָּבָה	שְׁמוּעָה	כְּלָקָד
<b>Behold the noise</b>	<b>of the bruit</b>	H2009	<b>is come</b>	<b>commotion</b>
H6963	H8052		H935	H7494
				H1419
				H776
מֵאַת	בָּאַה	הַבָּבָה	שְׁמוּעָה	כְּלָקָד
<b>out of the north</b>	<b>to make</b>	H853	<b>the cities</b>	<b>desolate</b>
H6828	H7760		H5892	H8077
				H4583

## Additional Cross-References

**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.

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