

# Jeremiah 11:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

## Analysis

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This verse pronounces judgment: 'Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them.' The Hebrew paqad (פָּקַד, visit, reckon with) announces divine retribution. 'The young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine.' Specific judgments match covenant curses—sword for warriors, famine for families. The comprehensiveness (young men, sons, daughters) indicates complete devastation. Those who sought Jeremiah's life will lose their own lives and their children's lives.

## Historical Context

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The Babylonian invasions brought both sword (military casualties) and famine (siege starvation). Anathoth, near Jerusalem, would experience both. The specific judgment on Anathoth represents localized fulfillment within the broader national catastrophe. Archaeological evidence suggests destruction of the Anathoth area during Babylon's campaigns.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does judgment proportional to the crime demonstrate divine justice?
2. What does comprehensive family judgment suggest about corporate responsibility and consequence?

## Interlinear Text

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לֵכִי	כֹה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	צָבָא	וְהָיָה
H3651	H3541	H559	H3068	H6635	H2005
		Therefore thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	
בֶּן־רֶב	יָמָיו	הַבָּחוּרִים	עָלֶיהָ	פֶּקֶד	דַּ
H2719	H4191	H970	H5921	H6485	
by the sword	shall die	them the young men		Behold I will punish	
בָּרָעָב	יָמָיו	וּבְנֵי וּבָנֵי	וּבָנֵי וּבָנֵי	בָּנֵיהֶם	
H7458	H4191	H1323	H1121		
by famine	shall die	and their daughters	their sons		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 18:21** (Word): Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

**2 Chronicles 36:17** (Word): Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

