

# Jeremiah 49:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

## Analysis

**Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets** (לֹכֶן יִפְלֹא בְּחֹרֶכֶת בְּרַחְבָּתֶה)–The causal lakhen (therefore) connects Damascus's pride to her punishment. Her elite warriors (bachurim, young men in fighting prime) will lie dead in the public squares. The location–streets/plazas–emphasizes visible, public humiliation.

**And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts** (וְכֹל־אָנָשֵׁי הַמְּלָכָה יִדְמָמְעוּ)–The military establishment will be 'silenced' (damam, made silent/destroyed). The divine signature **saith the LORD of hosts** (יְהֹוָה אֲצֹבָות, YHWH Tseva'ot) underscores that God commands heavenly armies infinitely superior to Damascus's forces. Human warfare is futile against the divine Warrior who marshals cosmic troops.

## Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Syrian territories involved sieges and military subjugation. Damascus submitted to avoid total destruction, but likely suffered significant casualties. The 'cut off in that day' formula appears throughout prophetic judgments, indicating decisive divine intervention in historical events.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does the public nature of judgment (falling in streets) serve as divine testimony to onlookers?
2. What does 'LORD of hosts' reveal about the mismatch between human military might and divine power?
3. In what ways do nations today trust in military strength while ignoring the One who commands celestial armies?

## Interlinear Text

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אָנָשִׁים	וְיָמִלְתָּם	בְּרַחֲבָתִים	יְהִי	אָנָשִׁים	וְיָמִלְתָּם	בְּרַחֲבָתִים	יְהִי
H3651	shall fall	Therefore her young men	H970	H3605		H376	
H5307				H7339			
נְאָמָתָה	וְיָמִלְתָּם	בְּיַמְּנָה	וְיָמִלְתָּם	נְאָמָתָה	וְיָמִלְתָּם	בְּיַמְּנָה	וְיָמִלְתָּם
of war	shall be cut off	in that day	H1931	saith	the LORD	of hosts	
H4421	H1826	H3117		H5002	H3068	H6635	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 50:30** (References Lord): Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 11:22** (References Lord): 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:

**Amos 4:10** (References Lord): I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken

away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

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