

Jeremiah 50:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets—Babylon's military strength, represented by bachurim (בָּחוּרִים, choice young men, warriors in their prime), will be cut down in urban combat. **And all her men of war shall be cut off**—damah (דָּמָה, silenced, destroyed, brought to nothing) suggests complete military annihilation.

In that day, saith the LORD—the emphatic divine declaration (ne'um Yahweh, נְעֻם יְהָוָה) guarantees fulfillment. This phrase appears over 350 times in the prophets, marking authoritative divine pronouncement. When God says 'saith the LORD,' the word is irrevocable. Babylon's military prowess, which conquered the known world, will be utterly broken in God's appointed 'day.'

Historical Context

Babylon's military reputation was legendary. The Neo-Babylonian army conquered Assyria, Egypt, Judah, and numerous smaller nations. Yet when Cyrus attacked in 539 BC, Babylonian resistance collapsed rapidly. The army that had terrorized nations for decades was 'cut off' in one swift campaign. Later revolts against Persian rule (522 and 484 BC) further decimated Babylon's military capacity. The once-mighty war machine was silenced, precisely as prophesied.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does the fall of Babylon's 'young men' and 'men of war' teach about the limits of military might?
2. How does God's emphatic declaration 'saith the LORD' provide confidence in His promises of both judgment and salvation?
3. Where do you see modern reliance on military strength that ignores God's sovereignty over nations?

Interlinear Text

אָנָשִׁים	וְכֹל	בָּרְחַבְתִּים	יְהִי		
H3651		H970		H3605	H376
fall	Therefore shall her young men		in the streets		
H5307			H7339		

וְכֹל מַחֲמַת	הַ	וְ	יְהִי	וּמְ	בַּיִם	וְאֵת	בָּהֶה	וְ	יְהִי
of war		shall be cut off		in that day		H1931	saith	the LORD	
H4421		H1826		H3117			H5002	H3068	

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 49:26 (References Lord): 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.

Jeremiah 9:21 (Parallel theme): For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

Jeremiah 18:21 (Parallel theme): 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.

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