

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 (בָּחֻרִים, 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, נְאֻם יְהוָה) 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

יִפֹּל וְ לִי	בְּחוֹץ יְהוָה	בְּרֹחֲבֵת יְהוָה	וְכָל אִישׁ יְהוָה
H3651	H970	H7339	H3605 H376
fall	Therefore shall her young men	in the streets	
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מִלְחֻמָּתָהּ	יִיָּצֵט מִמּוֹ	בַּיּוֹם	וְהָיָה וְאָמַר יְהוָה:
H4421	H1826	H3117	H1931 H5002 H3068
of war	shall be cut off	in that day	saith the LORD

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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