

# Jeremiah 6:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

## Analysis

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The decision to attack at night, despite its dangers, reveals the invaders' determination. Their target 'her palaces' indicates they seek to destroy symbols of authority and wealth. This night attack motif emphasizes the unexpected, overwhelming nature of God's judgment. From a Reformed perspective, this illustrates that when God's patience ends, His judgment cannot be evaded or postponed. The destruction of palaces symbolizes the fall of human pride and self-sufficiency before divine justice.

## Historical Context

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The Babylonian siege of Jerusalem involved prolonged military pressure, including unconventional tactics. The destruction of palaces fulfilled prophecies of complete devastation for Judah's royal house.

## Related Passages

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What 'palaces' of human pride and achievement stand under God's judgment in our own time?

2. How does this verse warn against placing confidence in earthly security and symbols of power?
3. What does the night attack imagery teach about the suddenness of God's judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶרְאָמְנוּתִים: יְנַשֵּׁחַ יְתָה בְּלִילָה יְנַגְּעֶל הַיּוֹם  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 32:14** (Parallel theme): Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

**Jeremiah 52:13** (Parallel theme): And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire:

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