

# Lamentations 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.

## Analysis

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God as bear or lion lying in wait (Hosea 13:7-8, Amos 3:12). Dangerous imagery showing terror of judgment. Yet He remains covenant God.

## Historical Context

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Prophets used predator imagery for divine judgment. Assyria and Babylon were instruments like wild beasts.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do we reconcile terrifying judgment with love and mercy?
2. The Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:5) is both judge and savior—how?

## Interlinear Text

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