

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

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

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

Related Passages

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

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

דָּב	אֵלֵךְ	הוּא	לִי	אֶלֶּיָּה	בְּמִסְתָּרִים:
He was unto me as a bear	lying in wait	H1931	H0	and as a lion	in secret places
H1677	H693			H738	H4565

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