

Lamentations 5:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

Analysis

Young men bear millstones, children fall under wood. Forced labor of youth—stealing future.

Historical Context

Millstones were heavy; this was humiliating slave labor. Children forced to carry loads beyond strength.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does exploitation of youth teach about evil regimes?
2. What does forcing young men to grind (typically women's work) symbolize about humiliation and role reversal?
3. How does child labor under heavy burdens reflect the oppression of captivity?

Interlinear Text

בְּשָׁלֵךְ בְּעֵץ וְנִעַר יִמְצֵא בְּחֹרִים
the young men to grind They took and the children under the wood fell
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Additional Cross-References

Judges 16:21 (Parallel theme): But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

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