

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

Psalms 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

בַּחֲוִירִים	טָח וְ	נָשָׂא אֹ	וְנָעַר יָם	בְּעֵץ	כָּשָׁלוּ:
the young men	to grind	They took	and the children	under the wood	fell
H970	H2911	H5375	H5288	H6086	H3782

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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