

Lamentations 5:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

Analysis

Elders cease from gate, young men from music. Normal social functions end—no justice, joy, or culture.

Historical Context

Elders judging in gates was judicial system. Music represented celebration. Both ceased under occupation.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What happens to society when worship and justice cease?
2. What is lost when elders cease from the gate and young men from music?
3. How does the silencing of leadership and joy express the death of community life?

Interlinear Text

זִקְנִים	מִשַׁ עַר	שָׁב תוֹ	בַּחוּר יִם	מִנְגִּינָתָם:
The elders	from the gate	have ceased	the young men	from their musick
H2205	H8179	H7673	H970	H5058

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 7:34 (Parallel theme): Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

Ezekiel 26:13 (Parallel theme): And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.