

Lamentations 5:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

Analysis

Mount Zion desolate, foxes walk there. Wild animals inhabit holy mountain. Reversal of civilization.

Historical Context

Archaeological evidence shows Jerusalem was largely abandoned 586-538 BC. Animals reclaimed ruins.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does desolation of holy places teach about importance of ongoing worship?
2. Why is Mount Zion's desolation with prowling foxes especially tragic?
3. What does the desecration of the holy mountain teach about the consequences of defiling God's presence?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Micah 3:12 (Parallel theme): Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Jeremiah 9:11 (Parallel theme): And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

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