

Psalms 144:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

Analysis

That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. Prayer for work capability and civic peace—no invasions, deportations, or distress. Comprehensive shalom encompasses security, justice, prosperity.

Historical Context

Towns faced constant threats: raids, invasions, strife. "Outcry" meant violence, injustice, mourning. David prays for comprehensive peace.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this shape intercession for your community?
2. What are modern equivalents of "no breaking in, nor complaining"?
3. How does shalom differ from mere absence of conflict?

Interlinear Text

אֵלֹפִי יִנּוּ	מִסֶּבֶּל לַיִם	אֵין	כִּי רָץ	וְאֵין
That our oxen	may be strong to labour	H369	that there be no breaking in	H369
H441	H5445		H6556	
וְלֹא יֵצֵא אֶת	וְאֵין	צָרָה הַ	בְּרַחֲבֵינוּ:	
nor going out	H369	that there be no complaining	in our streets	
H3318		H6682	H7339	

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:7 (Parallel theme): The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.