"A LAMENTATION" ...THAT SMASHES MISGUIDED HOPE & ILLUSTRATES THE SOUL THAT SINS WILL DIE. 'YOUR KINGS WILL NOT DELIVER YOU' Ezekiel 19

I. A LIONESS AND HER CUBS: Hope expired (1-9)

- A. **Ezekiel commanded** to take up a lamentation for the princes (Kings) (1)
- B. **The mother** lioness described (2)

C. **The cubs** (3-9)

- 1. King Jehoahaz (Joahaz, NASB), captured, exiled, killed (3-4)
- 2. King Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) captured, exiled (5-9)

II. A VINE AND HER BRANCHES: Hope in royal deliverance is over (10-14a)A. The Vine's glorious history (10-11)

B. The Vine's future (12-13)

1. Judged (12)

- a) Plucked up and cast down (12a)
- b) Strong branch (Zedekiah the King) torn off, withered, consumed (12b)
- 2. Exiled: Planted in dry thirsty wilderness (Babylon) (13)

C. THE RESULT: No more kings to deliver (14a)

III. THE LAMENT HAS BECOME A LAMENTATION (14b)