

common word for lion. Now the lion of God, why would you call Jerusalem the lion of God? Well, there is another possibility, there is also a word ari which means a hearth, so it could be either the lion of God, or the hearth of God, and I think that you would find that your commentaries would agree that this verse, that this refers to Jerusalem, but they might question whether it refers, whether it calls it lion of God or hearth of God, they might differ ~~on~~ on that. Yes? (4 1/2) The only interpretations I've ever heard suggested for it are the two, hearth and lion, and I would think most commentators would point out that the end of the verse says, let them kill sacrifices. What would sacrifices have to do with a lion particularly? But a hearth, a place where you have a burning, a place where you have a burning, where you have a fire, would be quite appropriate for the killing of sacrifices. The hearth of God, then, would be the place where there is heart, where there is change, where there is suffering, where there is some real working of God, in a very intensive way. Your commentaries then I think probably agreed that ^{it is} Jerusalem here. How many commentaries did you find, Mr. Cohen, that said that it meant lion of God? I think that suggestion of George Adam Smith that it isn't supposed to be one or the other, but suggest both, is not at all unreasonable. When we have a name applied, which is not the real name of something, you can easily give an application of something which suggests more than one possibility if they all are ~~are~~ appropriate, without necessarily meaning one or the other. But I don't quite see how a lion fits at all particularly, unless of course you think of the whispering out of the ground, and all that, in v.4, as being a picture of a lion, brought down, speaking out of the ground, and yet it doesn't seem to me that needs to be an animal, it can be a city perfectly well. (stu.6 1/4) ...continued, is the city itself in trouble, in difficulty. And the difficulty, the heat, the trouble, that would seem to fit the lion, and then it seems to me that when you get over to the end of chapter 31, you have, the end of ~~the~~ chapter 31, the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem, that would seem to be fitting again with the picture