



There are some leopards in Israel today. Maybe there were many leopards in the times of the Old Testament.

The leopard is not as strong as the lion. But the leopard is sneaky. The leopard hides near a village. Perhaps he hides near the watering place. He waits. He does not make a noise. He does not move. No one can tell he is there.

But soon someone comes to get some water. Quickly the leopard pounces. He takes the person by surprise. He kills and eats the person.

Jeremiah knew about the danger of the leopard. One day Jeremiah wanted to tell the people about trouble that was very near. He said -

A leopard will watch over the cities.

Everyone who goes out will be torn to pieces.

(See Jeremiah 5:6)