

1 Samuel 2:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

Analysis

The prophecy extends to sanctuary destruction: 'thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation.' Eli would witness the beginning of Shiloh's downfall - the Ark captured, his sons killed, the sanctuary eventually destroyed. 'In all the wealth which God shall give Israel' indicates that national prosperity would continue but Eli's house would be excluded. They would watch others blessed while they suffered. The enduring nature of the curse ('there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever') emphasizes permanence.

Historical Context

This prophecy finds initial fulfillment in chapter 4 when Eli learns of the Ark's capture and dies. Shiloh's complete destruction, likely by Philistines around 1050 BCE, is referenced in Jeremiah 7:12-14 as paradigm for Jerusalem's coming judgment.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What is worse: suffering judgment or watching others blessed while you are excluded?
2. How does sanctuary destruction demonstrate God's willingness to judge even sacred places?

Interlinear Text

וְהִבְטַח	אֶרְ	מֵעַזְן	בְּכֶל	אֲשֶׁר
And thou shalt see	an enemy	in my habitation		H3605
H5027	H6862	H4583		H834
יְהִי הַיּוֹם יְמִינְךָ לְאַתָּה	וְיִתְבָּא לְאַתָּה	יְהִי הַיּוֹם יְמִינְךָ לְאַתָּה		
in all the wealth which God shall give		H853	Isreal	H3808
H3190			H3478	H1961
זֶה יְמִינְךָ	בְּכֶל	זֶה יְמִינְךָ		
and there shall not be an old man	in thine house	H3605	for ever	
H2205	H1004		H3117	

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 8:4 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

1 Samuel 4:11 (References God): And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.