

Ezra 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.

Analysis

The vessel provision—"The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem"—provides implements for temple worship. The phrase 'deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem' indicates formal presentation in temple. These vessels, though provided by Persia, would serve Yahweh exclusively. The identification 'God of Jerusalem' emphasizes both universal sovereignty (God over all) and particular presence (dwelling in Jerusalem). This balance characterizes biblical theology.

Historical Context

Temple vessels included implements for sacrifice, incense, showbread, and lighting. Persian provision of these items shows comprehensive support beyond just permission. The formal delivery 'before the God' indicates ceremonial presentation similar to dedication rituals. Archaeological discoveries of temple implements from this period show bronze, silver, and gold items crafted with considerable skill. The vessels' quality reflected both resources available and commitment to honoring God.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does provision of worship vessels demonstrate that God cares about proper implements for prescribed worship, not just general devotion?
2. What does formal presentation of vessels 'before God' teach about approaching worship with reverence and deliberation?

Interlinear Text

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