

Isaiah 3:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

Analysis

The title 'Lord, the LORD of hosts' combines Adonai (sovereign master) with Yahweh Sabaoth (covenant God of armies), emphasizing both authority and power. God's removal of 'stay and staff' (support structures) represents comprehensive judgment—both bread (physical sustenance) and water (life necessity) will be withdrawn. This divine action demonstrates that human survival depends entirely on God's provision, not human systems.

Historical Context

This prophecy anticipated Babylonian siege and exile when Jerusalem would experience severe famine. The removal of basic provisions fulfilled covenant curses for disobedience (Leviticus 26:26, Deuteronomy 28:48).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How dependent are you on God for daily provision versus trusting in human systems?
2. What happens to society when God withdraws His common grace sustaining civilization?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	הִנֵּה ה'	הָאֵל וְ	יְהוָה ה'	צָבָא וְ	מִסִּיר
H3588	H2009	For behold the Lord	the LORD	of hosts	doth take away
		H113	H3068	H6635	H5493
מִיְרוּשָׁלַם	וּמִיְהוּדָה	וּמִשְׁעַן	וּמִשְׁעַנֵּה ה'	וְכָל ל	מִשְׁעַן
from Jerusalem	and from Judah	stay	and the staff	and the whole	stay
H3389	H3063	H4937	H4938	H3605	H4937
לֶחֶם	וְכָל ל	מִשְׁעַן	מַיִם:		
of bread	and the whole	stay	of water		
H3899	H3605	H4937	H4325		

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 26:26 (Parallel theme): And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

Isaiah 2:22 (Parallel theme): Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Isaiah 1:24 (References Lord): Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

Ezekiel 14:13 (Parallel theme): Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the

staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

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