

Isaiah 52:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Analysis

The urgent command 'Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing' calls for complete separation from Babylon. The dual command to 'be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD' emphasizes holiness for those serving God. This anticipates 2 Corinthians 6:17 ('come out from among them, and be ye separate') - gospel demands leaving worldly system to serve holy God.

Historical Context

Some exiles preferred comfortable Babylon to difficult return journey - this command demanded choice. Those carrying temple vessels home must be ceremonially pure. Spiritually, believers must separate from world's defilement to properly represent Christ.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What aspects of 'Babylon' (worldly system) do you need to decisively 'depart from' to maintain spiritual purity?
2. How does your role as 'bearer of the LORD's vessels' (His representative) demand greater holiness than cultural standards?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא תַּעֲמֹד	וְלֹא תַּעֲמֹד	צַא אֶל	מִשְׁמָר אֶל	לֹא תַּעֲמֹד
Depart	Depart	thing go ye out	no unclean	from thence touch
H5493	H5493	H3318	H2931	H5060
צַא אֶל	מִתְוֹךְ הָרָה	נְשָׁא אֶל	כָּל אֶל	וְלֹא תַּעֲמֹד
thing go ye out	of the midst	of her be ye clean	that bear	the vessels of the LORD
H3318	H8432	H1305	H5375	H3627
				H3068

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 6:17 (References Lord): Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Isaiah 48:20 (References Lord): Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

Ephesians 5:11 (Parallel theme): And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Revelation 18:4 (Parallel theme): And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Isaiah 1:16 (Parallel theme): Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Acts 10:14 (References Lord): But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

Acts 10:28 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Jeremiah 51:45 (References Lord): My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

Jeremiah 51:6 (References Lord): Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

Jeremiah 50:8 (Parallel theme): Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

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