

Jeremiah 11:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

Analysis

This verse introduces a new oracle: 'The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying.' The standard prophetic reception formula establishes divine origin. Chapter 11 addresses covenant violation using language drawn directly from Deuteronomy. The word (davar) coming 'from the LORD' (me'eth YHWH) indicates authoritative revelation requiring response. This chapter marks a crucial turning point in Jeremiah's ministry, connecting his message to Mosaic covenant traditions and highlighting Judah's failure to maintain covenant faithfulness across generations.

Historical Context

This oracle likely dates to Josiah's reform period (622 BC) when the Book of the Law (probably Deuteronomy) was discovered in the temple (2 Kings 22-23). Jeremiah supported Josiah's reforms, calling people to renew covenant commitment. The chapter's strong Deuteronomic language suggests direct engagement with the rediscovered law book. Jeremiah may have been commissioned to proclaim these covenant demands throughout Judah's cities (v. 6).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the formal 'word from the LORD' formula establish prophetic authority?
2. What does this chapter's Deuteronomic language suggest about the relationship between Law and Prophets?

Interlinear Text

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