

Jeremiah 11:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it:
then thou shewedst me their doings.

Analysis

This verse reveals a plot against Jeremiah: 'And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou shewedst me their doings.' The Hebrew *hodia'ni* (הוֹדִיעַנִי) indicates divine revelation—God showed Jeremiah what he couldn't have known naturally. 'Then thou shewedst me their doings' (*ma'alleleihem*, their deeds, practices) refers to the conspiracy against him. Verse 19 will identify the plotters as his hometown of Anathoth. This divine warning allowed Jeremiah to understand why he faced unexpected hostility. The prophet's suffering begins here—not just rejection but active plots against his life.

Historical Context

This section (11:18-12:6) contains Jeremiah's first 'confession' or personal lament. The plot from Anathoth represents escalation from rejection to assassination attempt. Anathoth was Jeremiah's hometown, a Levitical city three miles north of Jerusalem. His own community, possibly including family, planned his murder. Divine revelation of the plot demonstrates God's protective care for His prophet.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does divine revelation of plots against His servants demonstrate about God's protective awareness?
2. How might opposition from one's own community be especially painful for prophetic ministry?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי ה	וַאֲזַי עָה	וַאֲזַי עָה	אֲזַי
And the LORD	hath given me knowledge	hath given me knowledge	H227
H3068	H3045	H3045	
הִרְאִיתִי נִי	מַעַלְלֵיהֶם:		
it then thou shewedst	me their doings		
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