

Jeremiah 13:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

Analysis

This verse begins a new oracle: 'Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine.' The Hebrew *nevel* (נֶבֶל) is a pottery vessel, a wineskin or jug. The statement 'every bottle filled with wine' sounds positive—abundance! 'And they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?' The people will respond dismissively—of course we know this! It's obvious! They miss the ominous meaning, thinking only of normal wine production. The oracle sets up their misunderstanding for sharp correction.

Historical Context

Wine vessels being filled was normal expectation in agrarian society—harvest filled vessels for storage and use. The people would hear this statement as truism, perhaps sarcastic (telling them the obvious). Their dismissive response reveals complacency—they assume normal life continues, missing the warning hidden in apparent banality.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the apparently innocent statement about wine vessels set up the audience?
2. What does the dismissive response reveal about spiritual complacency?

Interlinear Text

וְאָמַר	אֶת	הַדָּבָר	הַזֶּה	כֹּה
Therefore thou shalt speak		unto them this word		
H559	H413 H853	H1697	H2088	H3541
וְאָמַר	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	כָּל
Therefore thou shalt speak	the LORD	God	of Israel	
H559	H3068	H430	H3478	H3605
יֵמֵלֵא	יָיִן	וְאָמַר	אֵל	לֹא
shall be filled	with wine	Therefore thou shalt speak		
H4390	H3196	H559	H413	H3808
יָיִן	כָּל	יֵמֵלֵא	יָיִן	כָּל
know		shall be filled	with wine	
H3045	H3588 H3605	H4390	H3196	H5035