

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

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| כִּי | בַּיִת | הַ | פִּזְבֵּחַ | רְ | פִּזְבֵּחַ | רְ | כִּי | בַּיִת | הַ | כִּי | |
| וְאָמַר | וְ | אֶלְיָהּ | מְ | אֶת | אֶלְיָהּ | מְ | וְאָמַר | וְ | בַּיִת | הַ | |
| Therefore | thou | shalt | speak | H559 | H413 | H853 | unto | them | this | word | |
| | | | | | | | H1697 | H2088 | H3541 | | |
| וְאָמַר | וְ | כָּל | יִשְׁבַּא | לְ | אֱלֹהִים | יְהוָה | וְאָמַר | וְ | כָּל | יִשְׁבַּא | |
| Therefore | thou | shalt | speak | H559 | H3068 | H430 | of | Israel | H3605 | Every | |
| | | | | | | | H3478 | H5035 | H3808 | bottle | |
| שָׁall | be | filled | with | wine | the | LORD | God | of | Israel | Every | |
| H4390 | | | H3196 | | H3068 | H430 | | H3478 | H3605 | H3808 | |
| לֹא | כִּי | עַ | אֶלְיָהּ | וְאָמַר | וְאָמַר | וְאָמַר | וְאָמַר | וְאָמַר | וְאָמַר | וְאָמַר | |
| shall | be | filled | with | wine | Therefore | thou | shalt | speak | H559 | H413 | H413 |
| H4390 | | | H3196 | | | | | | | know | H3808 |
| וְאָמַר | וְ | כָּל | כִּי | כָּל | כָּל | כָּל | כָּל | כָּל | כָּל | כָּל | |
| know | H3588 | H3605 | Every | bottle | shall | be | filled | with | wine | H3196 | H3045 |
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