

Jeremiah 13:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

Analysis

This verse confirms desert: 'This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD.' 'Lot' (goral) is the portion assigned by lot—destiny, fate. 'Portion of thy measures' (menath middayikh) indicates the measured-out share. God assigns exile as Judah's deserved portion. 'Because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.' The Hebrew shakach (שָׁקַח, forget) and batach bashequer (trust in falsehood) identify the cause: forgetting God (covenant abandonment) and trusting lies (false prophets, foreign alliances, idols). Forgotten God assigns remembered judgment; trusted lies produce deserved consequences.

Historical Context

This summary explains exile as deserved portion for specific sins: forgetting God (covenant relationship abandoned) and trusting falsehood (false prophets' assurances, political alliances, idol worship). The 'lot' language recalls Israel's original land inheritance by lot (Joshua 14-19)—now their lot is exile. What they received as gift they lose as judgment.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does describing judgment as 'thy lot from Me' indicate it's deserved rather than arbitrary?
2. What does 'forgetting God' and 'trusting falsehood' summarize about covenant violation?

Interlinear Text

גּוֹלֶת	מִתְּמֻמָּת	מִתְּמֻמָּת	תָּמִיד	מִאֵת	תָּמִיד
H2088 This is thy lot	H4490 the portion	H4055 of thy measures	H853	H5002 from me saith	
H1486				H982	
אֲשֶׁר	שֶׁכְּמֹת		וְאֵת	וְאֵת	
the LORD	H834 because thou hast forgotten	H7911	H853	H982 me and trusted	
H3068					
בְּשֹׁאָר:					
in falsehood					
H8267					

Additional Cross-References

Job 20:29 (Parallel theme): This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

Psalms 11:6 (Parallel theme): Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

Psalms 9:17 (Parallel theme): The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Jeremiah 2:32 (Parallel theme): Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Matthew 24:51 (Parallel theme): And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

