

Jeremiah 13:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time,
saying,

Analysis

This verse introduces second command: 'And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying.' The phrase 'second time' (shenith) indicates a subsequent revelation after initial wearing period. The girdle has been worn; now comes the next stage of the sign-act. The two-stage process—first wearing, then hiding—will illustrate both intimacy and judgment, relationship and ruin.

Historical Context

Sign-acts often involved multiple stages revealing progressive meaning. The time between commands allowed the girdle to become thoroughly used and identified with Jeremiah's body, making its subsequent ruin more powerful. Divine revelation coming in stages models how God often reveals truth progressively.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why might the symbolic action require two separate divine commands?
2. What does the extended wearing accomplish before the second stage?

Interlinear Text

לְאַמְרָה: שְׁנַׂית שָׁבֵת יְהוָה יְהוָה אֶלָּי וְדָבָר יְהוָה אֶלָּי וְיַעֲשֶׂה
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