

Jeremiah 13:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

Analysis

This verse reports second obedience: 'So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.' Again, exact obedience (ka'asher tsivvani YHWH, as the LORD commanded me). Whether literal Euphrates journey or local Parah trip, Jeremiah complied fully. The girdle—representing Judah's intimate relationship with God—is now buried near symbol of Babylon. Time will demonstrate decay's effects. The prophet's obedience becomes the message's credibility.

Historical Context

The long journey interpretation (to literal Euphrates) would have required significant time, resources, and commitment. Some prophetic actions required such extreme dedication (Ezekiel's 390 days lying on one side, Ezekiel 4:5). The local interpretation (Parah) seems more practical but loses some symbolic power. Either way, the action prepared for the revelation.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does Jeremiah's willingness to undertake this demanding task reveal about prophetic commitment?
2. How does exact obedience 'as the LORD commanded' establish prophetic authority?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 40:16 (References Lord): Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.