

Jeremiah 14:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

Analysis

The judgment on false prophets: 'Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.' This is poetic justice: what they denied would come, claiming divine authority, will destroy them. Their confident assertion 'shall not be' becomes their means of destruction. This demonstrates God's hatred of false teaching that misleads people under claim of divine authority. The false prophets' fate serves as vindication of God's true word through Jeremiah.

Historical Context

The false prophets who promised peace perished when Babylon conquered Jerusalem. Their deaths validated Jeremiah's contested prophecies and exposed their lies, though this vindication came too late to save those they'd misled.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's judgment on false teachers vindicate His true word and servants?
2. What is the relationship between the content of false teaching and the nature of judgment that follows?
3. Why does God particularly judge those who mislead others while claiming His authority?

Interlinear Text

לְכֹהֲנָנִים	כֹּהֲנִים	אֲמָרִים	יְהוָה	עַל	הַנְּבִיאִים
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the LORD	H5921	concerning the prophets
		H559	H3068		H5030
הַנְּבִיאִים	בְּשִׁמִּי	וְאֲנִי	לֹא	שְׁלַחְתִּים	וְהָמָה
that prophecy	in my name	H589	H3808	and I sent	H1992
H5012	H8034			H7971	
אֲמָרִים	בַּחֶבֶד	וּבָרָעַב	לֹא	יְהוָה	בָּא רֵץ
Therefore thus saith	By sword	and famine	H3808	H1961	shall not be in this land
H559	H2719	H7458			H776
הַחֶמָּה:	הַנְּבִיאִים	יִתְּמוּ	וּבָרָעַב	בַּחֶבֶד	הַחֶמָּה:
H1992	concerning the prophets	be consumed	and famine	By sword	H2063
	H5030	H8552	H7458	H2719	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 14:10 (Prophecy): And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;