

Jeremiah 15:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

Analysis

God responds to Jeremiah's complaint (15:10): 'The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.' The promise is specific: Jeremiah will survive and even be treated well by conquering forces. The word 'remnant' can mean either Jeremiah's remaining days or those he influences. This promise was literally fulfilled when Babylon treated Jeremiah with respect (Jeremiah 39:11-14; 40:1-6). This demonstrates God's particular care for His faithful servants even amid general judgment. The phrase 'time of evil and affliction' acknowledges coming hardship but promises preservation.

Historical Context

When Babylon conquered Jerusalem, Nebuchadnezzar specifically ordered Jeremiah's protection. The prophet who warned of Babylon's coming was honored by Babylon while those who promised peace suffered destruction.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's particular care for faithful servants manifest during times of general judgment?
2. What does Jeremiah's preservation teach about God's sovereignty over enemy actions?
3. How should promises of protection be understood in contexts of widespread suffering?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:7 (References Lord): When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Psalms 106:46 (Parallel theme): He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

Jeremiah 37:3 (References Lord): And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

Ecclesiastes 8:12 (Evil): Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

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