

Jeremiah 15:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

Analysis

The prophecy of comprehensive loss: 'Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.' Total economic devastation is prophesied: substance and treasures taken 'without price' (meaning not through fair commerce but plunder). The reason: 'for all thy sins'—comprehensive sin brings comprehensive loss. The phrase 'in all thy borders' indicates no region escapes. This fulfills covenant curses where disobedience leads to foreigners consuming what you produced (Deuteronomy 28:33). The Reformed understanding sees this as demonstrating that material blessings are covenant gifts that can be forfeited through unfaithfulness.

Historical Context

The Babylonian conquest included systematic plundering of Judah's wealth, including temple treasures. The survivors were left destitute, everything valuable taken as spoil to Babylon.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does understanding material blessing as covenant gift affect our stewardship?
2. What is the relationship between comprehensive sin and comprehensive loss?
3. How should the threat of losing possessions 'for all thy sins' inform priorities and values?

Interlinear Text

בָּמַחְ יְרֵ	לְ	אַתְּ	לְבָזָ	וְאַזְרָעָתָ יְבָ	חִילָבָ	
Thy substance	and thy treasures	to the spoil	will I give			without price
H2428	H214	H957	H5414	H3808		H4242
וְבָכָל	מְפָאָתָ יְבָ	וּבְכָלָ	גְּבוּלֵיכָ:			
H3605	and that for all thy sins	H3605	even in all thy borders			
	H2403		H1366			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 17:3 (Sin): O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.

Psalms 44:12 (Parallel theme): Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

Isaiah 52:3 (Parallel theme): For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

Jeremiah 20:5 (Parallel theme): Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

Isaiah 52:5 (Parallel theme): Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

