

Jeremiah 16:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD.

Analysis

God declares His purpose in judgment and subsequent restoration: 'they shall know that my name is The LORD.' The Hebrew name YAHWEH signifies God's self-existence and covenant faithfulness. Knowledge of God is the goal of all His actions - even judgment serves pedagogical purposes. This experiential knowledge transcends intellectual assent to include relationship and trust.

Historical Context

Israel's exile would teach them experientially what they refused to learn through blessing - that YAHWEH alone is God, and His word is trustworthy.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How has God used difficult circumstances to teach you His character?
2. What's the difference between knowing about God and knowing Him personally?

Interlinear Text

לֹכֶד יְהוָה	יְדֻעַת	בְּפָעַם	בְּזַעַת
H3651	H2005	I will cause them to know	Therefore behold I will this once
	H3045		H6471
I will cause them to know	mine hand	and my might	
H3045	H3027	H1369	
I will cause them to know	that my name	is The LORD	
H3588	H8034	H3068	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 9:16 (References Lord): The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

Jeremiah 33:2 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name;

Psalms 83:18 (Parallel theme): That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Amos 5:8 (References Lord): Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

Isaiah 43:3 (References Lord): For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Exodus 15:3 (References Lord): The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.