

Jeremiah 17:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

Analysis

This verse envisions comprehensive worship from all regions bringing offerings to the temple. The geographic sweep—"cities of Judah," "places about Jerusalem," "land of Benjamin," "the plain," "the mountains," and "the south"—encompasses the entire territory. This indicates national unity in worship and devotion to God, the covenant ideal where all Israel gathers at the central sanctuary.

The variety of offerings listed—"burnt offerings, sacrifices, meat offerings, incense, and sacrifices of praise"—represents the full Levitical worship system. Burnt offerings signified complete consecration to God (Lev

1. , sacrifices included fellowship and sin offerings (Lev 3-5), meat offerings (grain offerings) accompanied many sacrifices (Lev
2. , incense represented prayer (Ps 141:2, Rev 5:8), and sacrifices of praise (thanksgiving offerings) expressed gratitude (Lev 7:12-15).

This comprehensive worship from all the land represents covenant fulfillment—the people united in devotion to Yahweh alone, bringing Him their best in grateful worship.

Tragically, Judah's syncretism and covenant violation prevented this ideal from being realized. The vision points forward to the new covenant community where believers from every nation offer spiritual sacrifices through Christ our High Priest (1 Pet 2:5, Heb 13:15, Rom 12:1).

Historical Context

The temple worship system established under Moses and refined under David and Solomon was meant to unite Israel in worship of Yahweh alone. The three annual pilgrim feasts (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles) brought all Israel to Jerusalem (Deut 16:16). This verse envisions the ideal of faithful nationwide participation in temple worship—a reality occasionally achieved under godly kings like Hezekiah and Josiah (2 Chr 29-31, 2 Kgs 23:21-23) but more often violated through idolatry.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does comprehensive, wholehearted worship from every area of life look like for you?
2. How does the variety of Old Testament offerings inform our understanding of different aspects of worship?
3. In what ways does the church from every nation offering spiritual sacrifices through Christ fulfill this vision?

Interlinear Text

וּמָבֵא י' And they shall come H935	מֵעָרֵי from the cities H5892	! הַיְּדֵה of Judah H3063	וּמִסְבִּיב וְת and from the places about H5439	יְרוּשָׁלַם Jerusalem H3389
וּמֵאֶרֶץ and from the land H776	בְּנֵימִן of Benjamin H1144	וּמִן H4480	הַשְּׂפֵלָה and from the plain H8219	וּמִן H4480
הַהָרִים and from the mountains H2022	וּמִן H4480	הַנָּגֶב and from the south H5045	וּמָבֵא י' And they shall come H935	
עוֹלֹת הַ burnt offerings H5930	וְזִבְחֵי and sacrifices H2077	וּמִנְחֹת הַ and meat offerings H4503	וּלְבוֹנֶה הַ and incense H3828	וּמָבֵא י' And they shall come H935
תּוֹדֹת הַ sacrifices of praise H8426	בֵּית unto the house H1004	יְהוָה: of the LORD H3068		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 32:44 (References Lord): Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 33:13 (References Lord): In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 7:7 (References Lord): Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in

prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?

Psalms 107:22 (Sacrifice): And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Psalms 116:17 (Sacrifice): I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Jeremiah 33:11 (Resurrection): The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.