

Jeremiah 19:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.

Analysis

God addresses 'kings of Judah' (plural) and 'inhabitants of Jerusalem,' showing the judgment's comprehensive scope. The phrase 'whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle' indicates shocking, unprecedented judgment. Similar language appears regarding Eli's house (1 Sam 3:11) and Jerusalem's destruction (2 Kings 21:12). When God's patience exhausts, judgment becomes a cautionary tale.

Historical Context

The 'tingling ears' idiom indicates news so shocking it causes physical sensation. Jerusalem's destruction would become proverbial throughout the ancient Near East.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What judgments of God in history should make our ears 'tingle' with warning?
2. How do you respond to biblical warnings of judgment?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	שֶׁמֶע	ה	דְּבָר	יְהוָה	מֶלֶךְ	י	יְהוָה	ה	מֶלֶךְ	וְ	יִשְׁבֵּן	וְ	יְהוָה	וְ	יִשְׁבֵּן	
And say	Hear	ye the word	of the LORD	O kings	of Judah	and inhabitants										
H559	H8085	H1697	H3068	H4428	H3063	H3427										
הַנְּתָן	וְ	יִשְׁבַּא	לְ	אֱלֹהִים	וְ	צָבָא	וְ	זֹת	יְהוָה	וְ	אָמֵר	הַנְּתָן	וְ	יִשְׁבַּא	לְ	
of Jerusalem	H3541	And say	of the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel	H2005									
H3389		H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478										
כֵּל	אֲשֶׁר	בְּזַחַם	עַל	בְּעָה	וּמְ	בְּפִזְקָה	וּמְ	בְּ	הַ	בְּ	אֲשֶׁר	כֵּל	אֲשֶׁר	בְּזַחַם		
Behold I will bring	evil	upon this place	H2088	H834	H3605											
H935	H7451	H4725														
אַזְנוֹנִים:	תַּצְלַח	לְנָה	שֶׁמֶע	ה												
Hear	shall tingle	his ears														
H8085	H6750	H241														

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 3:11 (References Lord): And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

Jeremiah 17:20 (Kingdom): And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

Isaiah 28:19 (Parallel theme): From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

Jeremiah 6:19 (Word): Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

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