

Jeremiah 21:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

Analysis

God declares He will personally fight against Jerusalem with 'an outstretched hand and with a strong arm' - language typically describing His deliverance of Israel from Egypt (Deut 4:34). Now those same redemptive hands work in judgment. God's 'anger, and fury, and great wrath' emphasize the intensity of deserved judgment when His people persistently reject Him.

Historical Context

This reversal is devastating - the God who fought for Israel now fights against them. The covenant includes both blessings and curses (Deut 28).

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the covenant include both blessing and judgment?
2. What does it mean that God's hand can both save and judge?

Interlinear Text

וְנִלְחַמְתִּי י	אֲנִי	אֶתְּךָ מ	בְּיָד	נְטִיָּה ה	
And I myself will fight	H589	H854	hand	against you with an outstretched	
H3898			H3027	H5186	
וּבִזְרֹעַ	חֲזָקָה ה	וּבְאַף ר	וּבְחֵמָה ה	וּבְקֶצֶף	גְּדוֹלָה:
arm	and with a strong	even in anger	and in fury	wrath	and in great
H2220	H2389	H639	H2534	H7110	H1419

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 6:6 (Judgment): Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

Isaiah 63:10 (Parallel theme): But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Isaiah 5:25 (Parallel theme): Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Jeremiah 32:17 (Parallel theme): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Isaiah 9:21 (Parallel theme): Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Isaiah 9:17 (Parallel theme): Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Jeremiah 6:12 (Parallel theme): And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

Exodus 9:15 (Parallel theme): For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

Isaiah 9:12 (Parallel theme): The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Isaiah 10:4 (Parallel theme): Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.