

Jeremiah 22:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

Analysis

And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country—the Hebrew שָׁלַךְ (shalakh, 'to cast/hurl') conveys violent ejection, not gentle relocation. Both king and queen mother would be expelled **where ye were not born; and there shall ye die**. The queen mother (גְּבִירָה, gebirah) held significant political power in Judah's court, making her inclusion in judgment noteworthy. To die in foreign land meant exclusion from ancestral burial plots and community—a devastating fate in ancient Near Eastern culture.

This curse fulfills Deuteronomy's covenant warnings: 'The LORD shall bring thee...unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known' (Deuteronomy 28:36). Exile represented covenant divorce—God removing His people from His land. The specific mention of the mother recalls the generational nature of sin and judgment (Exodus 20:5), yet also God's justice in holding accountable those who wielded power. Even royal birth and privilege cannot shield from divine wrath.

Historical Context

Nehushta, Jehoiachin's mother, is specifically mentioned in 2 Kings 24:8, 15 as being deported with her son to Babylon in 597 BC. As queen mother, she would have held considerable influence during his brief reign. Both died in Babylon, never returning to Judah. This fulfilled the prophetic word exactly—they died in the land where they were not born.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the inclusion of 'thy mother' in judgment challenge individualistic views of accountability?
2. What does it mean to be 'cast out' from God's presence and blessing in your context?
3. In what ways might generational patterns of sin require generational repentance?

Interlinear Text

וְהִטַּלְתִּי י	אֶתְךָ	וְאֶת	אִמְךָ	אֲשֶׁר	יָלְדָהּ	עַל
And I will cast thee out	H853	H853	and thy mother	H834	that bare	H5921
H2904			H517		H3205	
הָאָרֶץ	אֶתְךָ	אֲשֶׁר	לֹא	יָלְדָהּ	שָׁם	שָׁם
country	thee into another	H834	H3808	that bare	H8033	H8033
H776	H312			H3205		
וְשָׁם יָמוּתוּ:						
and there shall ye die						
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Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 24:15 (Parallel theme): And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Isaiah 22:17 (Parallel theme): Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

2 Kings 24:8 (Parallel theme): Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

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