

Jeremiah 22:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Analysis

Write ye this man childless (כָּתוּב אֶת־הָאִישׁ הַזֶּה עָרִירִי, kitvu et-ha'ish hazeh ariri)—the Hebrew עָרִירִי (ariri, 'childless/stripped/bare') doesn't mean biological childlessness (he had seven sons, 1 Chronicles 3:17-18) but legal nullification of dynasty. **A man that shall not prosper in his days**—the verb צָלַח (tsaleach, 'prosper/succeed') is negated. Why? **For no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.** The Davidic covenant promise (2 Samuel 7:12-16) appears terminated.

The command to 'write' suggests official royal annals, public records declaring dynastic end. Yet Matthew 1:11-12 includes Jeconiah in Jesus's genealogy—through the legal line of Joseph, not the biological line. God's curse is both fulfilled (no descendant ruled as king) and circumvented (Jesus came through this line but not from Joseph's seed biologically). The virgin birth becomes theologically necessary to navigate this curse. God's judgments are real, yet His grace finds a way where none existed.

Historical Context

Jehoiachin's sons Shealtiel and Pedaiah (1 Chronicles 3:17-19) never ruled as kings. His grandson Zerubbabel served as governor but not monarch. The curse

effectively ended the Davidic monarchy until Jesus—a gap of ~600 years. Jewish genealogical records meticulously tracked this line despite the curse, preserving the lineage through which Messiah would come.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you reconcile God's severe judgments with His ultimate redemptive purposes?
2. What 'curses' in your life might God be working around or through for His glory?
3. How does Jesus's inclusion of Jeconiah in His genealogy demonstrate grace triumphing over judgment?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	כָּתַב ו	אֶת	אֵין יֵשׁ	הָזֶה	עֲרִיר י
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	Write	H853	for no man	H2088	childless
	H559	H3068	H3789		H376		H6185
גִּבּוֹר	לֹא	יִצְלַח	בְּיָמָיו	כִּי	לֹא	יִצְלַח	מִזֶּרְעוֹ
a man	H3808	shall prosper	in his days	H3588	H3808	shall prosper	of his seed
H1397		H6743	H3117			H6743	H2233
אֵין יֵשׁ	יֹשֵׁב	עַל	כִּסֵּא	דָּוִד	וּמֹשֵׁל	עַד	
for no man	sitting	H5921	upon the throne	of David	and ruling	H5750	
H376	H3427		H3678	H1732	H4910		
בִּיהוּדָה:							
any more in Judah							
H3063							

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 36:30 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

Psalms 94:20 (Parallel theme): Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

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