

Jeremiah 26:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

Analysis

Jeremiah's courageous stand exemplifies prophetic faithfulness - he declares truth despite threats to his life. The phrase 'The LORD sent me' authenticates his message; rejection of God's messenger equals rejection of God Himself. Jeremiah warns that killing him would bring blood guilt upon the city, adding to their sins. This foreshadows Christ's words about Jerusalem killing the prophets (Matt 23:37).

Historical Context

Jeremiah nearly lost his life for this sermon; priests and prophets demanded his death. His deliverance through the intervention of officials and elders who remembered Micah's similar prophecy showed God's providence.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What gives you courage to speak truth in hostile environments?
2. How do you balance prophetic boldness with wisdom in dangerous situations?

Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 6:17 (Blood): A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.

Jeremiah 22:3 (Blood): Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Jeremiah 7:6 (Blood): If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

Numbers 35:33 (Blood): So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

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