

Jeremiah 26:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

Analysis

The priests, prophets, and people seized Jeremiah, demanding death: 'Thou shalt surely die.' Speaking God's word against Jerusalem's sin provoked violent opposition. Religious leaders, who should have received prophetic correction, instead led the persecution. This foreshadows Christ's treatment by religious authorities (John 11:53) and warns that institutional religion can oppose God's truth.

Historical Context

Jeremiah's sermon in the temple court (26:2) threatened the religious establishment's power and comfort. Truth-telling endangers those whose position depends on maintaining the status quo.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why does speaking God's truth sometimes provoke the strongest opposition from religious people?
2. How do you respond when biblical truth threatens your comfort or position?

Interlinear Text

א תַּדְבֵּר יְהִי כָּל זֹת יְרָמֵן הִי
had made an end Now it came to pass when Jeremiah him to speak
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כָּל אֶל תַּדְבֵּר אֲשֶׁר כָּל
had commanded all that the LORD him to speak
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יכל וּבְגִבְיאָה יָמִים הַכֹּהֲנִים יָמִים אֲתָּא וְתִתְפֹּשֵׁ וְבָעֵם
and all the people took that the priests and the prophets
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כָּל וְבָעֵם רָאָמָר תְּמִימּוֹת תְּמִימּוֹת
and all the people him saying Thou shalt surely Thou shalt surely
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