

Jeremiah 27:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

Analysis

For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city—the specific temple furnishings listed represent items too massive for Nebuchadnezzar to take in 597 BC: the bronze pillars (אֲמֻדִּים, ammudim—Jachin and Boaz, 1 Kings 7:15-22), the bronze sea (יָם, yam—massive water basin, 1 Kings 7:23-26), and bases (מְכוֹנוֹת, mekhonot—wheeled stands, 1 Kings 7:27-37). False prophets claimed these would never go to Babylon. Jeremiah contradicts: they will.

The detailed inventory emphasizes that nothing is too sacred or too large to escape divine judgment. These furnishings symbolized temple worship and God's presence, yet covenant breaking makes even sacred objects subject to removal. The false prophets' assurance that God would protect temple vessels proved spiritual presumption—assuming God's presence guaranteed protection regardless of obedience.

Historical Context

After Nebuchadnezzar's 597 BC capture of Jerusalem, he took valuable portable temple items but left the massive bronze furnishings (2 Kings 24:13). The remaining objects became focus of false prophetic promises that God would soon restore what was taken and protect what remained. Hananiah specifically

prophesied the vessels' return within two years (Jeremiah 28:3). Jeremiah countered that all would go to Babylon.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What sacred symbols or traditions do you assume God will preserve regardless of your faithfulness?
2. How does presuming on God's presence without obedience constitute spiritual presumption?
3. What massive, unmovable things in your life might God nevertheless remove through judgment?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	צָבָא	וְ	אֵל	הַעֲמֻדִים
H3588	H3541	For thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	H413	concerning the pillars	
		H559	H3068	H6635		H5982	
וְעַל	הַיָּם	וְעַל	הַמָּכֹנֹת	וְעַל			
H5921	and concerning the sea	H5921	and concerning the bases	H5921			
	H3220		H4350				
וְתִרְ	הַכֵּלִים	הַנּוֹתָרִים	בְּעִיר	הַזֹּאת:			
and concerning the residue	of the vessels	that remain	in this city				
H3499	H3627	H3498	H5892	H2063			

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 25:13 (References Lord): And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:17 (Parallel theme): The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

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