

Jeremiah 27:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

Analysis

Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem

כה-אמר יְהוָה אֲכֹזֶת אֱלֹהִי שֶׁקְאֵל עַל-הַכְּלִים הַפּוֹתְרִים בֵּית-יְהוָה וּבֵית מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה, koh-amar YHWH tseva'ot elohei yisra'el al-hakkelim hannotarim beit-YHWH uveit melekh-y'hudah)—the full divine title 'LORD of hosts, God of Israel' lends maximum authority. The term נַזָּר (notar, 'remain/be left') emphasizes these are remnants from previous plundering.

The prophecy encompasses vessels in both temple (בֵּית-יְהוָה, beit-YHWH) and palace (בֵּית מֶלֶךְ, beit melekh), showing comprehensive judgment affecting religious and political spheres equally. False prophets focused on temple vessels' sanctity; Jeremiah reveals that palace wealth will likewise be taken. No sphere is exempt from covenant curse—religious institutions and political power structures both fall under judgment.

Historical Context

The distinction between temple and royal vessels indicates two spheres of Judean life—worship and governance. Both had been partially plundered in 597 BC (2 Kings 24:13). The remaining items represented continuity of both religious worship and royal authority. Their prophesied removal meant total cessation of both temple worship and Davidic rule in Jerusalem.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between sacred institutions God will preserve versus those under judgment?
2. What happens when both religious and political structures fail simultaneously in a society?
3. How does comprehensive judgment affect all spheres of life, not merely religious ones?

Interlinear Text

עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל אֱלֹהִים אֱמֶר וְיֵהוָה כִּי כִּי
H3588 H3541 Yea thus saith of the LORD of hosts the God of Israel H5921
H559 H3068 H6635 H430 H3478

בְּכָל יָמִים בְּגּוֹתְרִים וְבְיַתְרָה יְהוָה וְבְיַתְרָה
concerning the vessels that remain and in the house of the LORD and in the house H1004
H3627 H3498 H1004 H3068 H1004

מֶלֶךְ יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה
of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem H3389
H4428 H3063