

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 (כֹּה־אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל־הַכֵּלִים הַנּוֹתָרִים בְּיַת־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 נֹתָר (notar, 'remain/be left') emphasizes these are remnants from previous plundering.

The prophecy encompasses vessels in both temple (בְּיַת־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	לֵאלֹהֵי י	צָבָא וְ	יְהוָה	אָמַר	כֹּה	כִּי
H5921	H3478	H430	H6635	H3068	H559	H3541	H3588
	of Israel	the God	of hosts	of the LORD	Yea thus saith		
וְ	יֵת	יְהוָה	וְ	יֵת	הַנּוֹתָרִים	הַכֵּלִים	
H1004	H1004	H3068	H1004	H1004	H3498	H3627	
	and in the house	of the LORD	and in the house	that remain	concerning the vessels		
וִירוּשָׁלַם:	יְהוּדָה	מֶלֶךְ					
H3389	H3063	H4428					
and of Jerusalem	of Judah	of the king					