

Jeremiah 30:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

Analysis

Their children also shall be as aforetime (וְהַיּוּ בָנָיו כְּקֶדֶם) 've-hayu vanav ke-kedem)—covenant continuity across generations. The phrase 'as aforetime' (כְּקֶדֶם, 'ke-kedem', as in ancient times) looks back to pre-exile faithfulness or even further to patriarchal blessing.

Their congregation shall be established before me (עֲדָתוֹ לִפְנֵי תִּכְרֹן) 'adato lefanai tikon')—the assembly (עֲדָה, 'edah') stands firm (כִּי, 'kun', established/made steadfast) in God's presence. The promise to **punish all that oppress them** (פָּקַדְתִּי עַל כָּל לֹחֲצָיו) 'pakadti al kol lochatsav') guarantees protection. This points to the church established on resurrection ground, eternally secure.

Historical Context

Each generation after exile faced the challenge of maintaining covenant faithfulness. The promise sustained hope that God would preserve a faithful remnant through every trial.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How are you investing in the next generation's spiritual formation and stability?
2. What does it mean for God's people to be 'established before Him' in worship and life?
3. How does God's promise to punish oppressors encourage believers facing persecution today?

Interlinear Text

וְיֻמְּנָה	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	וְיֻמְּנָה	בְּנֵי	וְיֻמְּנָה
H1961	Their children	also shall be as aforetime	and their congregation	before	
H1121		H6924		H5712	H6440
תִּשְׁכַּחֲנָה	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	תִּשְׁכַּחֲנָה	בְּלֹא	תִּשְׁכַּחֲנָה
shall be established	me and I will punish		H5921	H3605	all that oppress
H3559		H6485			H3905

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 32:39 (Parallel theme): And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

Isaiah 51:22 (Parallel theme): Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

Isaiah 49:26 (Parallel theme): And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Psalms 102:18 (Parallel theme): This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

Psalms 102:28 (Parallel theme): The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Jeremiah 2:3 (Parallel theme): Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 30:16 (Parallel theme): Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

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