

Jeremiah 32:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

Analysis

Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah (וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־יִרְמְיָהוּ)—The divine response formula signals God's gracious answer to Jeremiah's honest perplexity. God doesn't rebuke the prophet's questioning but addresses it directly. The phrase *davar-YHWH* (דְּבַר־יְהוָה, word of the LORD) appears over 230 times in Jeremiah, emphasizing that despite national apostasy, God continues speaking to His faithful remnant.

This transitional verse introduces God's theodicy (vv. 27-44)—His explanation of both judgment (vv. 28-35) and future restoration (vv. 37-44). The patience of God to answer His confused servant models the relational intimacy available even in crisis. As Jesus later taught, 'Ask, and it shall be given you' (Matthew 7:7).

Historical Context

Prophetic revelation in Israel was not automatic or constant. Specific moments when 'the word of the LORD came' were recognized as divine interventions. Jeremiah received God's word in prison (32:2), showing that confinement cannot limit divine communication.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when God's actions seem to contradict His character or promises?
2. Do you bring your confusion and doubts directly to God in prayer, or suppress them?
3. What does this verse teach about God's willingness to explain His ways to His servants?

Interlinear Text

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| וַיְהִי | דִּבֶּר | יְהוָה ה | אֶל | יִרְמְיָה הו | לֵאמֹר: |
| H1961 | Then came the word | of the LORD | H413 | unto Jeremiah | saying |
| | H1697 | H3068 | | H3414 | H559 |

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