

# Jeremiah 32:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

## Analysis

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**And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence**—God quotes the people's fatalistic assessment. After recounting Judah's sins (vv. 28-35), God pivots to restoration. The threefold judgment formula—**sword, famine, pestilence**—is acknowledged, but verse 36 introduces the turning point. The phrase **And now therefore** (וְעַתָּה) signals transition from indictment to hope.

God doesn't deny the coming judgment but begins unfolding His future restoration plan (vv. 37-44). This literary structure—judgment then hope—characterizes the entire book of Jeremiah. Romans 11:29 declares, 'the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable'; even covenant judgment couldn't cancel God's elective purposes for Israel. The New Covenant (31:31-34) and restoration promises (32:37-44) demonstrate God's redemptive persistence beyond deserved wrath.

## Historical Context

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The people's confession 'It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon' shows they finally believed Jeremiah's prophecies—but too late to avert judgment.

However, this acknowledgment positioned them to receive the restoration promises that follow, fulfilled in the post-exilic return (538 BC onward).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond when the consequences of sin become unavoidable—despair or hope in God's restoration?
2. What does God's 'and now therefore' teach about His character beyond judgment?
3. How does the pattern of judgment-then-restoration apply to personal or corporate sin today?

## Interlinear Text

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אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה ה	אָמַר יִם	כֹּה לְכֹן וְעַתָּה ה	
the LORD		And now therefore thus saith	the God
H3068	H559	H6258	H430
אֶתְּ מֶאֱשֶׁר רָן הִזְאת אֶת	הָעִיר יִרְקָה	אֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	
	concerning this city	of Israel	
H859	H5892	H3478	H413
מֶלֶךְ בְּיַד נִתְּנָה	אָמַר יִם		
of the king	And now therefore thus saith	It shall be delivered	into the hand
H4428	H559	H5414	H3027
וּבִדְבָר: וּבָרָע בַּחֶרֶב בְּכֹחַ			
and by the pestilence	and by the famine	by the sword	of Babylon
H1698	H7458	H2719	H894

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 32:24** (Word): Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it.

**Jeremiah 32:3** (Kingdom): For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

**Jeremiah 32:28** (Kingdom): Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

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