

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

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** (הַזֶּה) 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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה הָיָה כִּי־זֶה וְעַתָּה
the God the LORD is this like now
H559 H3068 H430
אָמַר יְהוָה כִּי־זֶה וְעַתָּה
the LORD says this is like now
H559 H3651 H3541

אֶת־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעִיר כִּי־זֶה אָמַר יְהוָה
concerning all Israel in this city this is like says the LORD
H859 H2063 H5892 H413 H3478

אָמַר יְהוָה כִּי־זֶה נִתְנָה בְּיָד
the LORD says this is like it will be delivered into the hand
H4428 H3027 H5414 H559

וְבָבֶבֶל בְּבָבֶל וְבָבֶל וְבָבֶל
and by the pestilence and by the famine and by the sword of Babylon
H1698 H7458 H2719 H894

Additional Cross-References

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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