

Jeremiah 33:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah—This formulaic introduction (דְּבַר־יְהוָה, *devar-YHWH*) appears over 300 times in the prophets, authenticating divine origin. The phrase emphasizes God's initiative in revelation—the prophet is passive recipient, not originator.

This verse introduces the cosmic covenant analogy (v. 20-26) comparing God's promises to the fixed laws of nature. The **word** (*dabar*) is both message and event—God's speaking creates reality. In John 1:1, the eternal Logos (Word) becomes flesh, embodying God's self-revelation. Jeremiah consistently presents God as the initiating Speaker who breaks into human history with authoritative, irrevocable declarations.

Historical Context

Prophetic consciousness in Israel understood 'the word of the LORD' as more than information—it was active, creative power (Isaiah 55:10-11). Jeremiah's reception of God's word often brought him suffering (Jeremiah 20:7-9), yet he could not refrain from speaking it. This marks authentic versus false prophecy.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Scripture as 'the word of the LORD' affect your approach to reading the Bible?
2. What does God's initiative in revelation teach about the nature of saving faith (John 6:44)?
3. How should the church today discern authentic proclamation of God's word versus human opinion?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי	דִּבֶּר	יְהוָה	אֵל	יְרֵמְיָהוּ	לֵאמֹר:
H1961	And the word	of the LORD	H413	came unto Jeremiah	saying
	H1697	H3068		H3414	H559

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