

Jeremiah 34:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

Analysis

God will 'command' and bring Babylon back against Jerusalem. The passive resistance to siege had given false hope; God declares He controls even the enemy's movements. They will fight against it, take it, and burn it. The cities of Judah will be made desolate. God's sovereignty extends to military strategy - He orchestrates events to accomplish His purposes.

Historical Context

The siege had temporarily lifted (37:5), giving false hope. This prophecy warned that respite was temporary - judgment would resume until complete.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's sovereignty over enemies both comfort and challenge you?
2. What does it mean that God 'commands' circumstances to accomplish His will?

Interlinear Text

הֲנִי י' H2005	מִצִּוֶּה Behold I will command H6680	נֹאמֶה saith H5002	יְהוָה the LORD H3068	וְהָשִׁבְתִּי בָתָיִם and cause them to return H7725	אֶל H413
עָרֵי י' the cities H5892	הַזֹּאת H2063	וְנִלָּחֲמֻ ו' and they shall fight H3898	עַל יְהוָה H5921	וְלָכַד וְהָ' against it and take H3920	וְשָׂרְפָהּ it and burn H8313
בָּאֵשׁ it with fire H784	וְאֵת י' H853	עָרֵי י' the cities H5892	יְהוּדָה of Judah H3063	אֶתִּי and I will make H5414	שְׂמָמָה a desolation H8077
					יֵמֵי יוֹן H369
					יָשֹׁב: without an inhabitant H3427

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 9:11 (Parallel theme): And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah 39:8 (Parallel theme): And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 52:7 (Parallel theme): Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

Jeremiah 33:10 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

Jeremiah 44:22 (References Lord): So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

Jeremiah 52:13 (References Lord): And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire:

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