

Jeremiah 39:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee.

Analysis

The Ethiopian eunuch Ebed-melech receives a personal prophecy of deliverance for his kindness to Jeremiah (38:7-13). God notices and rewards those who show mercy to His servants. While Jerusalem falls, this foreigner is saved because he 'put his trust in the LORD.' Faith, not ethnicity, determines one's standing before God - a preview of gospel inclusivity.

Historical Context

Ebed-melech risked his position to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern. His courage and kindness in the king's court stood in stark contrast to the officials' cruelty.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God remember and reward acts of mercy done to His people?
2. What does Ebed-melech's faith teach about God's salvation extending to all who trust Him?

Interlinear Text

פֶּה	אָמֵן	רַבָּל	וְלֹא	לְעָבֵד	מִלְּגָנָן	כִּי	פְּנַסְׁךְ	אָמֵן	רַבָּל	וְלֹא	
Go	Thus saith	H0	to Ebedmelech	the Ethiopian	Thus saith	H3541					
H1980	H559		H5663	H3569	H559						
רַבָּל	אָמֵן	הָיָה	אָמֵן	אָמֵן	מִבְּנֵי	מִבְּנֵי					
Thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel	H2005	Behold I will bring					
H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478		H935					
אָתָּה	אָתָּה	אָתָּה	אָתָּה	אָתָּה	לְבַעַת	לְבַעַת	לְבַעַת	לְבַעַת	לְבַעַת	לְבַעַת	
H853	my words	H413	upon this city	H2063	for evil	H3808	and not for good				
	H1697		H5892		H7451		H2896				
לְפָנֶיךָ	יְמִינְךָ	וְלְמִינְךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	וְבְיַמְּךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	בְּיַמְּךָ	
H1961	before	H6440	and they shall be accomplished in that day	H3117	H1931						

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 9:12 (Word): And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:6 (Word): But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.