

Jeremiah 4:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

Analysis

Detailed theological analysis of Jeremiah 4:23 with Hebrew word studies, doctrinal significance, and connections to broader biblical themes. This would reference original language terms, explain theological concepts, and show how the verse fits into redemptive history and points to Christ.

Historical Context

Historical and cultural context for Jeremiah 4:23, including the time period during Jeremiah's ministry (627-586 BC), the political situation with Babylon's rise to power, and how this verse relates to Judah's covenant unfaithfulness and coming judgment.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Jeremiah 4:23 challenge your understanding of God's character and His dealings with His people?

2. What practical application can you draw from Jeremiah 4:23 for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּבֶן	אֶת	הָאֲרֶץ	וְהָיָה	וְלֹא	הָיָה	וְהָיָה
I beheld	H853	the earth	H2009	and lo it was without form	and void	H413
H7200		H776		H8414	H922	
וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה
and the heavens	H369	and they had no light				
H8064		H216				

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 24:29 (Light): Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Isaiah 13:10 (Light): For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Genesis 1:2 (Parallel theme): And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Amos 8:9 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

Joel 2:10 (Parallel theme): The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Isaiah 5:30 (Light): And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Matthew 24:35 (Parallel theme): Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Revelation 20:11 (Parallel theme): And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Jeremiah 9:10 (Parallel theme): For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

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