

Jeremiah 43:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

Analysis

God declares He will bring Nebuchadnezzar to Egypt - the very place the remnant fled to escape him. This fulfills the warning that they would face in Egypt what they feared in Judah (42:16). God calls Nebuchadnezzar 'my servant,' showing even pagan rulers serve His purposes. You cannot flee from God's will; disobedience brings you to what you most feared.

Historical Context

This prophecy was fulfilled when Nebuchadnezzar invaded Egypt in 568 BC. The Jewish refugees who fled there seeking safety found the destruction they hoped to escape.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does attempting to escape God's will often lead to encountering what you feared?
2. What does God's sovereignty over all nations teach about the futility of fleeing from Him?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׂרָא ל	אֱלֹהֵי י	צָבָא וְ	יְהוָה	אָמַר	כֹּה	אֵלֶיךָ	אָמַר
of Israel	the God	of hosts	the LORD	And say			And say
H3478	H430	H6635	H3068	H559			H559
מֶלֶךְ	נְבוּכַדְרֶאצַּר	אֶת	לִקְחֹתִי	שִׁלִּי	הִנֵּנִי		
the king	Nebuchadrezzar		and take	Behold I will send			
H4428	H5019		H3947	H7971			
הָאֵלֵּה	לְאַבְנֵי יָם	מִמֶּנִּי	עַל	כִּסֵּא ו	וְשִׁמְתִּי	עַבְדִּי	בְּבָבֶל
	these stones	upon		his throne	and will set	my servant	of Babylon
	H68	H4605		H3678	H7760	H5650	H894
עֲלֵיהֶם:	שְׂפָרֹר ו	אֶת	וְנָטָה	טָמֵנִתִּי	אֲשֶׁר		
H5921	his royal pavilion		and he shall spread	that I have hid			
	H8237		H5186	H2934			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 1:15 (Kingdom): For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

Psalms 31:20 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Psalms 18:11 (Parallel theme): He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

Psalms 27:5 (Parallel theme): For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

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