

Jeremiah 44:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or their's.

Analysis

God declares that only a small number of refugees will return from Egypt to Judah, serving as witnesses that His word, not theirs, stands true. This is similar to Elijah's remnant (1 Kings 19:18) - God always preserves witnesses to His truth. The phrase 'whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs' presents history as the test of prophecy. Time vindicates God's word.

Historical Context

This prophecy emphasized that those fleeing to Egypt would largely perish there, with only a tiny remnant surviving to return. Their deliverance would testify to God's faithfulness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God preserve witnesses to His truth even in judgment?
2. What does it mean that God's word will stand when all human words fail?

Interlinear Text

וּפְלִיטֵי י	חֶרֶב	יָשֹׁב וְ	מִן	לְאֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם
that escape	the sword	shall return out	H4480	into the land	of Egypt
H6412	H2719	H7725		H776	H4714
לְאֶרֶץ	יְהוּדָה	מְתֵי י	מִסְפָּר	וְיָדְעוּ	כָּל
into the land	of Judah	Yet a small	number	there shall know	H3605
H776	H3063	H4962	H4557	H3045	
שְׂאֵרֵי ית	יְהוּדָה	הַבָּאִים	לְאֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם	לְגֹרֹר
and all the remnant	of Judah	that are gone	into the land	of Egypt	to sojourn
H7611	H3063	H935	H776	H4714	H1481
שֵׁם	דְּבָרֵי	מִי	יָקֻם וְ	מִמֶּנִּי	וַיִּמָּקֶם:
H8033	whose words	H4310	shall stand	H4480	H1992
	H1697		H6965		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 44:14 (References Egypt): So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

Isaiah 10:19 (Parallel theme): And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

Psalms 33:11 (Parallel theme): The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Jeremiah 44:29 (Word): And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

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.

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