

Jeremiah 46:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Analysis

God declares the battle where Egypt falls is 'the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance.' This applies 'Day of the LORD' language (usually reserved for Israel) to pagan nations, showing God's sovereignty extends to all. The battle becomes a sacrifice to God - Egypt's army is the offering. God's justice requires satisfaction, and He will have His vengeance on the proud who oppose His purposes.

Historical Context

This prophecy foresaw Egypt's defeat at Carchemish in 605 BC, where Babylon crushed Egypt's power. This battle changed the ancient Near East's political landscape.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's sovereignty over pagan nations inform your understanding of history?
2. What does it mean that God 'has a sacrifice' in the judgment of nations?

Interlinear Text

לְאָדָן יְהוָה אֲבָא וְתִהְוּ הַיְהוָה וְיָמִים	H1931	for the Lord	GOD	of hosts	For this is the day
H3117		H136	H3069	H6635	H3117
נִקְמָה		לְהַנִּקְםָה	מִצְבָּח	וְאָכֵל הַ	חַרְבָּה
of vengeance		that he may avenge	him of his adversaries	shall devour	and the sword
H5360		H5358	H6862	H398	H2719
וְשָׁבַע הַ		מִצְבָּח מִ	כִּי	כִּי	זְבַח
and it shall be satiate		and made drunk	with their blood	H3588	hath a sacrifice
H7646		H7301	H1818		H2077
גָּבָר אֶל צָפֹן וְאֶל בָּאָרֶץ אֲבָא וְתִהְוּ הַיְהוָה לְאָדָן יְ					
for the Lord	GOD	of hosts	country	in the north	by the river
H136	H3069	H6635	H776	H6828	H5104
פָּרָת:					
Euphrates					
H6578					

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 32:42 (Word): I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

Jeremiah 46:2 (Parallel theme): Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which

Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

Joel 1:15 (References Lord): Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Jeremiah 46:6 (Parallel theme): Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.