

Jeremiah 49:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

Analysis

Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor (נָסוּ נָדוּ מְאֹד הָעַמִּיקוּ) (nusu nudu me'od he'amiqu lashevet yoshvei Chatzor)—Three urgent imperatives: flee (nus), wander far (nud), dwell deep/hidden (amaq). God Himself warns Hazor to seek maximum distance and concealment. This isn't permission to escape judgment but recognition of Babylon's overwhelming threat. Even God's warning underscores sovereignty—He controls both attackers and defenders.

For Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you (כִּי־עָצָר) (ki-ya'ats aleikhem Nevukhadretsar)—Babylon has ya'ats (deliberated, planned). But behind Nebuchadnezzar's strategy lies God's atzah (counsel, v. 20). Human war councils unknowingly execute divine decrees. **And hath conceived a purpose against you** (וְחָשַׁב עֲלֵיכֶם מַחְשָׁבָה) (chashav aleikhem machashavah)—the 'thought' becomes effective plan. Resistance is futile; only flight offers temporary respite.

Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar's Arabian campaigns (599-598 BC) were strategically motivated—controlling trade routes, securing borders, acquiring resources. His 'counsel'

involved military planning, intelligence gathering, and logistical preparation. Yet Jeremiah reveals the theological dimension: God moves behind human strategy.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Why would God warn people to flee if their judgment is divinely ordained?
2. What does the layering of human counsel (Nebuchadnezzar's) and divine counsel (God's) teach about sovereignty and secondary causes?
3. How should Christians respond when God allows (or decrees) calamity—is flight appropriate or faithless?

Interlinear Text

נָסוּ	נָּ דוּ	מָאֹד	הָעֵמְ יָקוֹ	יֹשְׁבֵי י	יֹשְׁבֵי י	חֲצֹר
Flee	get	you far off	deep	O ye inhabitants	O ye inhabitants	of Hazor
H5127	H5110	H3966	H6009	H3427	H3427	H2674

נֹאֵם	יְהוָה	כִּי	יַעַץ	עָלֶיךָ	נְבוּכַדְרֶאצַּר	מֶלֶךְ	בָּבֶל
saith	the LORD				for Nebuchadrezzar	king	of Babylon
H5002	H3068	H3588	H3289	H5921	H5019	H4428	H894

עָצָה	וְחָשָׁה	עָלֶיךָ	מִחְשָׁבָה
hath taken counsel	against you and hath conceived		a purpose
H6098	H2803	H5921	H4284

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 10:7 (Parallel theme): Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

Jeremiah 25:9 (Kingdom): Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

Jeremiah 27:6 (Kingdom): And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

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