

Jeremiah 49:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

Analysis

And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven (וְהֵבֵאתִי אֶל-עֵלָם אַרְבַּע רוּחוֹת מֵאַרְבַּע קְצוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם, v'heveti el-Elam arba ruchot me'arba q'tsot hashamayim)—The four winds symbolize comprehensive, omnidirectional judgment from all compass points. God weaponizes cosmic forces against Elam. **And will scatter them toward all those winds** (וְזָרְתִּים לְכָל-הָרְחוֹת, v'zeritim l'kol-haruchot)—dispersal to match the fourfold assault.

And there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come (וְלֹא-יִהְיֶה הָגוֹי אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָבוֹא שָׁם בְּדָחֵי עֵלָם, v'lo-yihyeh haggoy asher lo-yavo sham niddechei Elam)—Elamite refugees will be globally dispersed, present in every nation. This scattering recalls Israel's diaspora (Deuteronomy 28:64) but applied to a Gentile nation, demonstrating that exile is God's universal judgment tool for covenant breakers—and Elam, like all nations, was accountable to creation covenant (Genesis 9).

Historical Context

Elamites appear scattered throughout Persian and Hellenistic periods. Acts 2:9 mentions Elamites among the Pentecost crowd, confirming Jewish-era diaspora.

While Elam never regained political independence, Elamite language and people persisted in various regions, fulfilling this global scattering prophecy.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does the 'four winds' imagery teach about the comprehensiveness and inescapability of God's judgments?
2. How does Elam's scattering parallel Israel's exile, and what does this reveal about universal accountability to God?
3. In what sense do even Gentile nations break 'covenant' and face covenant curses?

Interlinear Text

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| יָבֹא וְאֶל shall not come H935 | אֶל H413 | עַלְמָם: And upon Elam H5867 | מֵאַרְבַּע from the four H702 | הֵנָּח וְתָם them toward all those winds H7307 |
| מֵאַרְבַּע from the four H702 | קְצוֹת quarters H7098 | הַשָּׁמַיִם of heaven H8064 | וְיִזְרֹת יָם and will scatter H2219 | לְכָל ל H3605 |
| הֵנָּח וְתָם them toward all those winds H7307 | הֵיאֵלָה H428 | וְלֹא H3808 | יִהְיֶה הָ H1961 | הָגוֹי and there shall be no nation H1471 |
| אֲשֶׁר לֹא H834 H3808 | יָבֹא וְאֶל shall not come H935 | שָׁם H8033 | נִדְחֵי י whither the outcasts H5080 | עַלְמָם: And upon Elam H5867 |

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 49:32 (Parallel theme): And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

Revelation 7:1 (Parallel theme): And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Jeremiah 30:17 (Parallel theme): For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Amos 9:9 (Parallel theme): For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

Ezekiel 5:10 (Parallel theme): Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.

Daniel 8:8 (Parallel theme): Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.