

Jeremiah 5:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.

Analysis

Detailed theological analysis of Jeremiah 5:4 with Hebrew word studies, doctrinal significance, and connections to broader biblical themes. This would reference original language terms, explain theological concepts, and show how the verse fits into redemptive history and points to Christ.

Historical Context

Historical and cultural context for Jeremiah 5:4, including the time period during Jeremiah's ministry (627-586 BC), the political situation with Babylon's rise to power, and how this verse relates to Judah's covenant unfaithfulness and coming judgment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Jeremiah 5:4 challenge your understanding of God's character and His dealings with His people?
2. What practical application can you draw from Jeremiah 5:4 for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

וְאָנֹכִי	אָמַרְתִּי	אֲנִי	יָדַעְתִּי	הֵם	נוֹאֵלִים	כִּי
H589	Therefore I said	H389	Surely these are poor	H1992	they are foolish	H3588
	H559		H1800		H2973	
לֹא	יָדְעוּ	דֶּרֶךְ	יְהוָה	מִשְׁפַּט	אֱלֹהֵיהֶם:	
H3808	for they know	not the way	of the LORD	nor the judgment	of their God	
	H3045	H1870	H3068	H4941	H430	

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 8:7 (Judgment): Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

Hosea 4:6 (References God): My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Isaiah 27:11 (Parallel theme): When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

Matthew 11:5 (Parallel theme): The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

