

Jeremiah 50:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.

Analysis

God calls archers to besiege Babylon and 'let none thereof escape' because 'she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.' Pride against God is the fundamental sin (Isa 14:13-14). Babylon, though used by God to judge others, grew arrogant and forgot her role as instrument. God resists the proud (James 4:6, 1 Pet 5:5). No one sins against God with impunity.

Historical Context

Babylon's pride was legendary - exemplified by Nebuchadnezzar's statement in Daniel 4:30. Despite God's warnings through Daniel, Babylon's arrogance persisted until judgment fell.

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 treatment of proud Babylon warn against arrogance in His servants?
2. In what ways do you struggle with pride, especially regarding gifts and successes God has given?

Interlinear Text

לְשַׁת דְּרִיכִי קָל בְּבִים בְּכָל בְּשָׁמָן יָעָז
Call together against Babylon the archers all ye that bend the bow

פְּלִיטָה יְהִי אֶל עַל יְמִינָךְ תַּבְּנֵא
camp against it round about let none thereof escape

אֲשֶׁר כִּכְלָל שְׁלָמוֹת לְהַפְּנֵי הַמְּלָאָכָה
recompense her according to her work

כֵּן לְהַעֲשֵׂה כְּלָל הַעֲשֵׂה
according to all that she hath done according to all that she hath done

אֶל יְהִי הַזְּהָרָה לְעֵד וְשֵׁם
against the LORD unto her for she hath been proud against the Holy One

וְשָׁבָאָל
of Israel

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 47:10 (Parallel theme): For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

Jeremiah 51:56 (References Lord): Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.

Revelation 18:6 (Parallel theme): Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Exodus 10:3 (References Lord): And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

Daniel 4:37 (Parallel theme): Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Revelation 16:6 (Holy): For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Isaiah 37:23 (Holy): Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

Jeremiah 50:9 (References Babylon): For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

Jeremiah 50:24 (References Lord): I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

Jeremiah 50:26 (Parallel theme): Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

