

Jeremiah 52:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

Analysis

Zedekiah's fate fulfills multiple prophecies - he saw Babylon but died there (Jer 32:4-5, 34:3). His sons were killed before his eyes, then he was blinded and taken to Babylon where he died in prison. This gruesome judgment resulted from covenant-breaking and ignoring prophetic warnings. The last thing he saw was his sons' execution - a devastating end to the Davidic line's rule (temporarily, until Christ).

Historical Context

This occurred in 586 BC when Jerusalem fell. Zedekiah had rebelled against Babylon despite Jeremiah's repeated warnings to submit to God's appointed judgment.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Zedekiah's fate warn against ignoring God's repeated warnings?

2. What does the temporary end of Davidic rule teach about the consequences of covenant unfaithfulness?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת H853	עֵינָיו the eyes H5869	צִדְקִיָּהוּ of Zedekiah H6667	וַיֵּצֵא Then he put out H5786	וַיִּבְדֹּל bound H631	בְּחֻשָׁתִּים him in chains H5178
וַיִּבֶא and carried H935	וְהַמֶּלֶךְ and the king H4428	בָּבֶל him to Babylon H894	בָּבֶל him to Babylon H894	וַיִּתֵּן and put H5414	בְּפֶקֶד him in prison H1004
בְּפֶקֶד him in prison H1004	עַד H5704	יּוֹם till the day H3117	מִוְתּוֹ of his death H4194		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 12:13 (References Babylon): My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.
