

Jeremiah 52:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And a chapiter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapiter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these.

Analysis

A chapiter of brass (כָּתָרָה נְחַשָּׁת) — the ornate capital atop each pillar, five cubits (7.5 feet) high. The **network and pomegranates** (שְׁבָחָה וּרְמֹנִים) decorated the capitals with intricate latticework and 200 bronze pomegranates (v. 23). Pomegranates symbolized fruitfulness and were woven into the high priest's robe hem (Exodus 28:33-34).

The symmetry—**The second pillar also...were like unto these**—emphasizes the Temple's ordered beauty, now systematically destroyed. What took years to craft was demolished in days, illustrating how quickly divine judgment falls when covenant is broken.

Historical Context

The pomegranate was a sacred symbol in ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, representing life, fertility, and divine blessing. Their presence on Temple pillars connected Israel's worship to God as the source of all fruitfulness.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does the destruction of these beautiful, fruitful symbols teach about the consequences of spiritual barrenness?
2. How does the contrast between the pillars' creation (taking years) and destruction (taking days) speak to the fragility of blessing without obedience?
3. In what ways can you cultivate genuine spiritual fruitfulness rather than mere decorative religion?

Interlinear Text

And a chapter	H3805	הַכֹּתֶת רְתִתְהָ	H5921	נִחְשָׁת עַל יְהוָה	H5178	וְקֹם תְּ	H6967	בְּפֹתֶת רְתִתְהָ	H3805
of one	H259	פְּנֵי שְׁמֵן	H2568	קָמָת	H520	וְשָׁבֶכֶת הַ	H7639	וּרְמֹנִים:	H5921
round about	H3605	פְּנֵי כָּבֵד	H428	אַמְתָּה	H7416	וְשָׁבֶכֶת הַ	H5982	עַל	
also and the pomegranates	H8145	לְעַמְּדָה וְאֶלְעָמָד	H7439	לְפֹתֶת רְתִתְהָ	H5172	לְעַמְּדָה וְאֶלְעָמָד	H5172	לְפֹתֶת רְתִתְהָ	H5921
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