

Jeremiah 52:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Analysis

The reason for Jerusalem's destruction is stated clearly: 'For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence.' God's presence is the source of all blessing; expulsion from His presence is the ultimate curse. This reverses the Exodus where God brought them into His presence. Their sin necessitated this expulsion.

Historical Context

The phrase 'cast them out from his presence' is covenant language. The glory that dwelled in the temple departed (Ezek 10), symbolizing God's withdrawal.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to be cast out from God's presence?
2. How does sin create separation from God that requires judgment?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	יָמַעַל	אֶף	יְהוָה	הִתְהַ	בִּירוּשָׁלַם
H3588	For through	the anger	of the LORD	H1961	it came to pass in Jerusalem
	H5921	H639	H3068		H3389
וַיְהוּדָה	עַד	הַשְׁלִיכוּ	אוֹתָם	יָמַעַל	פְּנֵי יוֹ
and Judah	H5704	till he had cast them out	H853	For through	from his presence
H3063		H7993		H5921	H6440
וַיִּמְרֹד	צִדְקִיָּהוּ	בְּמֶלֶךְ	בָּבֶל:		
rebelled	that Zedekiah	against the king	of Babylon		
H4775	H6667	H4428	H894		

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 36:13 (Kingdom): And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.
