

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

בִּירוּשָׁלָם בָּיְמָה כִּי אֶרְאָה מֵעַל יְהוָה
H3588 For through the anger of the LORD H1961 it came to pass in Jerusalem
H5921 H639 H3068 H3389

בְּיֹם יְהוָה מֵעַל אֹתָם הַשְׁלִיכָה וְעַד יְהוּדָה
and Judah H5704 till he had cast them out H853 For through H5921 from his presence
H3063 H7993 H6440

בְּבָבִלְן בְּתַחַת לְבָבָי הַזְּדָקִיהַ בְּצִדְקָתָה
rebelled that Zedekiah against the king of Babylon H894
H4775 H6667 H4428

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.

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