

Jeremiah 6:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

Analysis

Jeremiah describes being 'full of the fury of the LORD' and weary of holding it back. This reveals the prophet's burden: he carries God's message of judgment, which demands proclamation despite opposition. The command 'pour it out' indicates judgment will be comprehensive, affecting all ages ('child in the street' to 'aged with him that is full of days'). The phrase 'husband with the wife' emphasizes that judgment crosses all social relationships. This verse illustrates that God's judgment, when it comes, is thorough and discriminating based on covenant unfaithfulness rather than age, gender, or social status.

Historical Context

The Babylonian conquest affected all segments of Judean society. Archaeological evidence shows widespread destruction of cities and towns, with mass deportation of people from every social class.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does Jeremiah's weariness in holding back judgment teach about the prophet's role as messenger?
2. How should the comprehensive nature of God's judgment affect our understanding of sin's seriousness?
3. What is the relationship between God's patience (long-suffering) and the eventual outpouring of His wrath?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת H854	חֲמַת H2534	יְהוָה H3068	מְלִאֲתִי H4392	נָלֵא יְתִי H3811	הִכְיֹל H3557
	of the fury	of the LORD	Therefore I am full	I am weary	with holding in
אֲשֶׁפֶּה H8210	עַל H5921	עוֹלָלִים H5768	בְּחוּץ H2351	וְעַל H5921	סוּד H5475
I will pour it out	upon the children	abroad	and upon the assembly		
בְּחוּרֵי יָם H970	יַחְדָּהּ H3162	כִּי H3588	גַּם H1571	אֶיֶשׁ H376	עִם H5973
of young men	together	for even the husband	with the wife		
יִלָּקְחוּ H3920	זִקְנֵי H2205	עִם H5973	מְלִאֲתִי H4390	יָמִים H3117	
shall be taken	the aged	with him that is full	of days		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 20:9 (Parallel theme): Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Jeremiah 9:21 (Parallel theme): For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

Micah 3:8 (References Lord): But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

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