

Jeremiah 6:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

Analysis

The consequences of judgment include transfer of property: 'their houses shall be turned unto others.' The phrase 'with their fields and wives together' indicates total dispossession. God will 'stretch out my hand' (a gesture of judgment throughout Scripture) upon Judah's inhabitants. This reflects covenant curses from Deuteronomy 28:30-33, where disobedience results in others enjoying what you built and planted. Reformed theology sees this as the principle of divine justice: persistent covenant breaking leads to forfeiture of covenant blessings. The comprehensive loss (houses, fields, wives) demonstrates that sin's consequences affect every dimension of life.

Historical Context

When Babylon conquered Judah, they deported leaders and skilled workers while redistributing land to the poor who remained (2 Kings 25:12). This fulfilled the curse of foreigners and strangers inheriting what belonged to covenant breakers.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do the covenant curses in Deuteronomy help us understand God's judgments in redemptive history?
2. What does the totality of loss teach about sin's devastating effects on every area of life?
3. How should the principle of stewardship inform our view of material possessions as covenant blessings?

Interlinear Text

יְחִזֵּק אֶת־יְמֵינֵךְ בְּתֵיכֶם	וְנִסְבֵּת בְּךָ	לְאֶחָר יָמֶנֶךָ	שֶׁד וְתָבִיב	וְנִשְׁתַּחַת יְמֵינֵךְ	וְנִשְׁתַּחַת יְמֵינֵךְ
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H5437	H1004	H312	H7704	H802	H3162
וְשִׁבֵּת יְמֵינֵךְ	וְשִׁבֵּת יְמֵינֵךְ	וְשִׁבֵּת יְמֵינֵךְ	וְשִׁבֵּת יְמֵינֵךְ	וְשִׁבֵּת יְמֵינֵךְ	וְשִׁבֵּת יְמֵינֵךְ
for I will stretch out	my hand	upon the inhabitants	of the land		
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saith the LORD					
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 8:10 (Parallel theme): Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

Isaiah 5:25 (References Lord): Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath

smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

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