

# 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

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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

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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

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**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

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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

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וְנִסְּ בּוֹ	בְּתֵיָּהֶם	לְאַחֵרִים	שָׂדֵה וְתֵּ	וְנָשִׁים	יַחְדָּם
shall be turned	And their houses	unto others	with their fields	and wives	together
H5437	H1004	H312	H7704	H802	H3162
כִּי	אֶטָּה	אֶת	יָדִי	יֹשְׁבֵי	הָאָרֶץ
H3588	for I will stretch out	H853	my hand	H5921	upon the inhabitants
	H5186		H3027	H3427	H776
נֹאמַר	יְהוָה:				
saith	the LORD				
H5002	H3068				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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