

Jeremiah 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.

Analysis

The comparison of Zion to a 'comely and delicate woman' establishes a contrast: her beauty and delicacy make the coming destruction more tragic. The Hebrew 'navah' (comely) and 'anug' (delicate) suggest both physical beauty and luxurious living. This metaphor prepares for the invasion imagery in the following verses—Zion's delicate state makes her vulnerable to the warrior shepherds approaching. From a Reformed perspective, this illustrates that privilege and covenant position do not guarantee immunity from judgment when unfaithfulness persists.

Historical Context

Jerusalem's privileged position as the city of David, location of the temple, and center of worship made its eventual destruction almost unthinkable to the people of Judah.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How might spiritual complacency develop in times of prosperity and privilege?
2. What does this verse teach about the relationship between covenant blessing and covenant responsibility?
3. How should awareness of our spiritual vulnerability shape our prayer life and dependence on God?

Interlinear Text

הַנְּזָה	וְהַמְעֲנֶנֶה	דָּמָה	בֵּת	צִיּוֹן:
H5000	and delicate	H1819	the daughter	of Zion
	H6026		H1323	H6726

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:8 (Parallel theme): And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

Jeremiah 4:31 (Parallel theme): For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.