

Jeremiah 6:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people,
that thou mayest know and try their way.

Analysis

God appoints Jeremiah as an assayer ('I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people') to test and know their way. The metallurgical language continues: Jeremiah will examine the people as one tests metal for purity. This verse reveals the prophet's dual role: both messenger and examiner. The phrase 'mayest know and try their way' indicates thorough investigation of conduct. God already knows their ways, but the testing serves to reveal to them and to witnesses the reality of their spiritual condition. This illustrates the principle that God's word functions as a diagnostic tool, exposing the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).

Historical Context

Prophets served as covenant prosecutors, examining Israel's faithfulness and declaring God's verdict. Jeremiah's long ministry (40+ years) provided ample opportunity to test and reveal Judah's spiritual state.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's word function to test and reveal our spiritual condition?
2. What is the relationship between prophetic ministry and spiritual examination of God's people?
3. How should we respond when Scripture's examination reveals our spiritual deficiencies?

Interlinear Text

בָּחַ וְ	נָתַתִּי יָךְ	בְּעַמִּי י	מִבְצָר	וְיָדַעַתְּ
thee for a tower	I have set	among my people	and a fortress	that thou mayest know
H969	H5414	H5971	H4013	H3045
וּבְחִנֶּנְךָ	אֶת	דִּרְכָם:		
and try	H853	their way		
H974		H1870		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 1:18 (Parallel theme): For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

Jeremiah 15:20 (Parallel theme): And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.