

Jeremiah 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

Analysis

The LORD commands thorough gleaning of Israel's remnant like grapes left after harvest. The phrase 'turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets' suggests multiple passes to ensure nothing is missed. This can be understood in two ways: either as thoroughgoing judgment leaving nothing, or as God's careful gathering of a faithful remnant. Reformed theology emphasizes God's sovereignty in preserving a remnant (Romans 11:5). The gleaning metaphor appears elsewhere in Scripture both for judgment (stripping bare) and mercy (careful gathering of what remains).

Historical Context

After the initial Babylonian deportation (597 BC), a remnant remained in Judah. However, continued rebellion led to further deportations, leaving the land nearly desolate by 586 BC.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the remnant theology in Scripture encourage believers during times of widespread apostasy?
2. What does God's thoroughness in this gleaning process teach about His attention to detail in both judgment and salvation?
3. How should the concept of the remnant shape our expectations for the church in difficult times?

Interlinear Text

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as a vine the remnant of Israel turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer H5921
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סְלִסְלֹתִים:
into the baskets H5552

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 16:16 (References Lord): Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Jeremiah 49:9 (Parallel theme): If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.