

Lamentations 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

Analysis

Submitting to Egypt and Assyria for bread. Seeking help from former enemies. Desperate alliances.

Historical Context

Post-exile, some fled to Egypt (Jeremiah 42-43), others under Persian rule. Scattered and dependent.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What Egypt or Assyria do we turn to when provision seems insufficient?
2. Why would submitting to Egypt and Assyria (former enemies) be necessary for basic survival?

3. What does this humiliation teach about the consequences of rejecting God's protection?

Interlinear Text

מִצְרַיִם	נָתַתְּנוּ	יָד	אֶשׁוּר	לְשֹׂבְעַ
to the Egyptians	We have given	the hand	and to the Assyrians	to be satisfied
H4714	H5414	H3027	H804	H7646
לֶחֶם:				
with bread				
H3899				

Additional Cross-References

Hosea 9:3 (References Egypt): They shall not dwell in the LORD'S land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

Hosea 12:1 (References Egypt): Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

Jeremiah 2:36 (References Egypt): Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

Jeremiah 2:18 (References Egypt): And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

Genesis 24:2 (Parallel theme): And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

Hosea 7:11 (References Egypt): Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

Hosea 5:13 (Parallel theme): When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

