

# Ezekiel 28:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

## Analysis

**And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards**—The restoration includes בְּטָהָה (beṭah, 'security/safety'), construction (עֲבָנָה bāttîm, 'and build houses'), and agriculture (וְנִטְעָה כִּתְמִים, wěnātě'û khérāmîm, 'and plant vineyards'). These images depict covenant blessing reversal: Deuteronomy 28:30 cursed disobedience with building but not dwelling, planting but not eating; here, obedience brings fulfillment.

**Yea, they shall dwell with confidence**—Repetition of בְּטָהָה (beṭah) emphasizes security. **When I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them**—Israel's safety depends on God judging hostile neighbors, which He promises to do. This verse connects chapters 25-28 (oracles against nations) with Israel's restoration: their enemies' judgment enables Israel's peace.

## Historical Context

After the return from exile (538 BC), Jews did rebuild houses and plant vineyards, though under Persian, Greek, and Roman rule. True 'dwelling safely' remained elusive until the Messianic age. The prophetic vision points beyond immediate

return to ultimate restoration when Messiah reigns and Israel dwells securely (Ezekiel 34:25-28, 37:26-28).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the image of 'building houses and planting vineyards' represent covenant restoration?
2. What is the connection between judging Israel's enemies and her security?
3. How do Old Testament restoration promises point to ultimate fulfillment in Christ's kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּ יְהֹוָה אָמַר כִּי אָדָן יְהֹוָה בְּקִבְצֵךְ יְהֹוָה בְּ יְהֹוָה אָמַר כִּי  
H3541 Thus saith the Lord H3068 When I shall have gathered H6908 H853 the house  
H559 H136 H3068 H6908 H853 H1004

בְּ מִן יִשְׁרָאֵל נִפְצָא לְמִן בְּעָמִים אֲשֶׁר מִן צָוָה בְּ מִן  
of Israel H4480 from the people H5971 among whom they are scattered H0  
H3478 H4480 H5971 H6327

בְּ מִן לְעֵינֵי תְּמִימָה הַגּוֹן בְּ מִן לְעֵינֵי תְּמִימָה  
and shall be sanctified H0 in them in the sight of the heathen H1471  
H6942 H5869 H1471

לְעָבֵד אֲשֶׁר נָתַת תְּמִימָה עַל יִשְׁבּוּ בְּ מִן לְעָבֵד  
then shall they dwell H5921 in their land H127 that I have given to my servant H5650  
H3427 H5921 H127 H5414 H5650

לִיעַלְבָן:

Jacob

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 32:37** (Parallel theme): Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

**Ezekiel 20:41** (Holy): I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

**Psalms 106:47** (Holy): Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

**Jeremiah 23:8** (References Lord): But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

**Ezekiel 11:17** (References God): Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

**Ezekiel 36:28** (References God): And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Ezekiel 37:25** (Parallel theme): And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

**Ezekiel 34:13** (References Israel): And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

**Ezekiel 28:22** (Holy): And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

**Jeremiah 30:18** (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.