

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 בטח (beṭaḥ, 'security/safety'), construction (וּבָנוּ בָתִּים, ûbānû bāttîm, 'and build houses'), and agriculture (וְנָטְעוּ כִרְמִים, wěṇāṭē'û khěṛāmîm, '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 בטח (beṭaḥ) 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

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

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

כֹּה	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה	בְּקִבְצִי	אֶת	בֵּית
H3541	Thus saith	the Lord	H3068	When I shall have gathered	H853	the house
	H559	H136		H6908		H1004
לְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	מִן	הָעַמִּים	אֲשֶׁר	נָפְצוּ	בָּם
	of Israel	H4480	from the people	H834	among whom they are scattered	H0
	H3478		H5971		H6327	
וְנִקְדָּשׁ	שְׁמִי	בָּם	לְעֵינֵי	הַגּוֹיִם		
and shall be sanctified		H0	in them in the sight	of the heathen		
	H6942		H5869	H1471		
וַיָּשֻׁבוּ	עַל	אֲדָמָתָם	אֲשֶׁר	נָתַתִּי	לְעַבְדִּי	
then shall they dwell	H5921	in their land	H834	that I have given	to my servant	
	H3427	H127		H5414	H5650	
לְיַעֲקֹב:						
Jacob						
	H3290					

Additional Cross-References

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.