

# Ezekiel 29:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

## Analysis

**In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth**—After Egypt's judgment, Israel's restoration begins. קֶרֶן (qeren, 'horn') symbolizes strength/power (Psalm 132:17, Luke 1:69). אָשְׁמִיאָה ('ašmîah, 'cause to sprout/grow') pictures renewal after cutting down.

Some interpret this as Messianic prophecy—the 'horn of David' sprouting again. Others see reference to Israel's post-exilic restoration. **And I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them**—Ezekiel's restricted speech (3:26-27, 24:27, 33:22) would be fully opened. פְּתִיחָה (p̄etîhôh-peh, 'opening of mouth') suggests freedom to speak all God's words, not just prophetic oracles. **And they shall know that I am the LORD**—Fulfilled prophecy again produces recognition. Ezekiel's restored speech, Israel's renewed strength, and Egypt's judgment would all testify to YHWH's sovereignty.

## Historical Context

Israel's 'horn budding' had partial fulfillment in the return from exile (538 BC) and temple rebuilding (516 BC). Fuller realization came through David's greater son, Jesus the Messiah (Luke 1:68-69). Ezekiel's speech was restored when Jerusalem fell (33:22), authenticating his ministry. Each fulfillment demonstrated God's faithfulness to His prophetic word.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does the 'budding horn' metaphor connect to Messianic hope?
2. What is the significance of Ezekiel's opened mouth coinciding with Israel's restoration?
3. How do layered fulfillments (near and far) enrich prophetic interpretation?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלֹבֶן יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּיַם יָמִין אֶצְם יְמִינָה בְּהַזְּמָנָה  
In that day H1931 to bud forth H6779 the horn H7161 of the house H1004 of Israel H3478 H0

בְּתוּךְ מִצְרָיָם אֶת פֶּתַחַן הַנּוֹתָר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
and I will give H5414 thee the opening H6610 of the mouth H6310 in the midst H8432

יְדַעַת אֲתָּה יְדַעַת אֲתָּה יְדַעַת אֲתָּה  
of them and they shall know H3045 that I am the LORD H3588 H589 H3068

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 21:15** (Parallel theme): For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

**1 Samuel 2:10** (References Lord): The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

**Psalms 132:17** (Parallel theme): There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

**Ezekiel 33:22** (References Lord): Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

**Ezekiel 24:27** (References Lord): In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

**Psalms 92:10** (Parallel theme): But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

**Luke 1:69** (Parallel theme): And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;