

Ezekiel 34:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

Analysis

"And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid." God promises comprehensive security from both human enemies and natural dangers. The phrase "none shall make them afraid" depicts perfect peace and safety. This finds ultimate fulfillment not in earthly circumstances but in eternal security. Nothing can separate believers from Christ's love (Romans 8:38-39). The new creation will have no danger, fear, or threat. Present spiritual security anticipates future physical perfection.

Historical Context

Throughout history, Israel faced constant threats from surrounding nations and natural dangers. The promise (586 BC) of permanent security seemed impossible during exile. The return brought temporary improvement but not complete fulfillment. True security came through Christ defeating sin, death, and Satan. Believers experience spiritual security now—eternally saved—and will experience complete security in new creation. The promise demonstrates that earthly security is type and shadow of eternal safety in God's presence.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does present spiritual security in Christ relate to future complete safety in new creation?
2. What practical difference does knowing "none shall make them afraid" make in daily life?

Interlinear Text

עֹד וְיִהְיֶה וְלֹא	בְּ	לְגוֹיִם
H3808	H1961	H5750
And they shall no more be a prey		to the heathen
H957		H1471
וְחַיֵּית	הָאָרֶץ לֹא תֹאכְלֶיהֶם	וְיָשְׁבוּ
	H3808	
neither shall the beast	of the land	devour
H2416	H776	H398
		them but they shall dwell
		H3427
וְיִשְׁבּוּ	בְּטָהוֹרִים	וְלֹא יִפְּדוּם מִיָּדֵי
safely		and none shall make them afraid
H983	H369	H2729

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 46:27 (Parallel theme): But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

Jeremiah 30:10 (Parallel theme): Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar,

and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

Ezekiel 39:26 (Parallel theme): After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

Ezekiel 34:8 (Parallel theme): As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

Ezekiel 36:15 (Parallel theme): Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 34:29 (Parallel theme): And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.