

Ezekiel 34:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"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." The "plant of renown" (Hebrew netza le-shem, נְצָה לְשֵׁם) refers to the Messiah—the Branch from David's line. Isaiah similarly uses plant imagery for Messiah: "a root out of dry ground" (Isaiah 53:2) and "the Branch" (Isaiah 11:1). Christ provides what human leaders cannot: comprehensive provision and vindication of God's honor. The promise of ending shame indicates restoration of dignity and reputation. Salvation includes not just forgiveness but honor.

Historical Context

The exile (586 BC) brought physical hunger and national shame—God's people scattered, mocked, and reduced to begging. The "plant of renown" promised reversal through Messianic intervention. Christ fulfilled this: feeding multitudes physically and spiritually, vindicating God's honor through perfect obedience and atoning death. The church experiences this: spiritual nourishment through Christ and honor as God's children (1 John 3:1). Complete fulfillment awaits new creation where hunger and shame cease entirely.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Christ as the plant of renown provide what human leaders cannot?
2. What does ending shame teach about salvation restoring dignity and honor?

Interlinear Text

וְאֶתְנָהָרָתִי	לְבָם	מַטְעָם	לִשְׁמָה	וְלֹא	וְאֶתְנָהָרָתִי
And I will raise up	H0	for them a plant	H4302	of renown	H3808
	H6965				H1961
					H5750
אֹסֶפֶת	רִעֵב	בָּצָר	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא
and they shall be no more consumed	with hunger	in the land	H3808	neither bear	
H622	H7458	H776	H5375		
כְּלָמָתְךָ	בְּגִימָם:				
the shame	of the heathen				
H5750	H3639	H1471			

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 36:29 (Parallel theme): I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

Isaiah 4:2 (Parallel theme): In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

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.

Isaiah 60:21 (Parallel theme): Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Isaiah 53:2 (Parallel theme): For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 9:6 (Parallel theme): For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Psalms 72:17 (Parallel theme): His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

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