

Ezekiel 36:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

This verse points toward God's gracious purposes of restoration despite Israel's persistent unfaithfulness. The Reformed emphasis on sovereign grace shines through—restoration doesn't depend on Israel's merit or ability but on God's covenant faithfulness and irrevocable purposes (Romans 11:29). This anticipates new covenant promises where God gives a new heart and His Spirit to enable obedience (Ezekiel 36:26-27). The pattern of judgment followed by grace-based restoration prefigures the gospel: humanity deserves condemnation but receives mercy through Christ's atoning work. God's restoration demonstrates His glory by showing grace triumphs over judgment.

Historical Context

This passage was delivered during the Babylonian exile (c. 586-571 BCE) after Jerusalem's destruction. The exiled community grappled with theological and practical questions: Why had judgment come? Would restoration occur? How should they live in exile? The historical context of ancient Near Eastern covenant patterns, conquest and exile practices, and prophetic literature provides essential background. Archaeological discoveries from this period illuminate the exile's realities and the return's historical fulfillment. Yet Ezekiel's prophecies extend beyond immediate historical context to find fuller realization in Christ and the church, with ultimate consummation in the new creation.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse deepen your understanding of God's character, purposes, or ways of working in history?
2. What specific application does this passage call you to make in your current circumstances or spiritual life?
3. How does this Old Testament passage illuminate New Testament teaching about Christ, salvation, or the church?

Interlinear Text

וְהוֹשַׁעְתִּי	אֶתְּךָ	מִכָּל	טְמֵאוֹתֶיךָ	וְקָרָא אֵתִי		
I will also save			you from all your uncleannesses	and I will call		
H3467	H853	H3605	H2932	H7121		
אֶל	הַדָּגָן	וְהִרְבִּיתִי	אֶת	וְלֹא	אֶתְּךָ	עָלֶיךָ
for the corn		and will increase			it and lay	
H413	H1715	H7235	H853	H3808	H5414	H5921
וְעָבֹר:						
no famine						
H7458						

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 1:21 (Salvation): And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Romans 11:26 (Salvation): And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Titus 2:14 (Parallel theme): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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