

Ezekiel 37:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore." The "covenant of peace" is the New Covenant established through Christ's blood (Hebrews 13:20). The promise of God's sanctuary dwelling among His people finds ultimate fulfillment in Immanuel (God with us) and the church as God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16). The "everlasting covenant" guarantees permanent relationship—God will never divorce His people. This is covenant faithfulness: God keeps promises eternally.

Historical Context

Previous covenants were conditional (Mosaic) or temporarily administered (Abrahamic). The New Covenant is both eternal and effectually maintained by God. Christ's incarnation fulfilled "sanctuary in the midst of them"—God dwelling with His people. Pentecost extended this through the Spirit's indwelling. The new creation will consummate it: "The tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them" (Revelation 21:3). What Ezekiel prophesied (587 BC), the gospel fulfills and glorifies.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the everlasting covenant comfort believers facing temporal uncertainties?
2. What does God's sanctuary among His people teach about relationship as salvation's goal?

Interlinear Text

וְכָרַתִּי י	לָהֶם	בְּרִית	שָׁלֵם וְ	בְּרִית	
Moreover I will make	H0	a covenant	of peace	a covenant	
H3772		H1285	H7965	H1285	
לְעוֹלָם:	יְהוָה ה	אוֹתָם	וְנָתַתִּי י	וְהִרְבֵּיתִי י	
of them for evermore	H1961	H854	them and will set	them and multiply	
H5769			H5414	H7235	
אוֹתָם	וְנָתַתִּי י	אֶת	מִקְדָּשִׁי י	בְּתוֹכָם	לְעוֹלָם:
H853	them and will set	H853	my sanctuary	in the midst	of them for evermore
	H5414		H4720	H8432	H5769

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 55:3 (Covenant): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Jeremiah 30:19 (Parallel theme): And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

Ezekiel 34:25 (Covenant): And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

Ezekiel 43:7 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

Hebrews 6:14 (Parallel theme): Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

John 14:27 (Peace): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2 Corinthians 6:16 (Temple): And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 36:37 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

Ezekiel 16:62 (Covenant): And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

Jeremiah 32:40 (Covenant): And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.