

# Ezekiel 43:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

God declares: '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.' God identifies the temple as His throne and footstool—the earthly location where His heavenly rule touches earth. The promise 'where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever' assures permanent, unbreakable divine presence. The Hebrew 'le'olam' (לְעוֹלָם, 'for ever') guarantees perpetual indwelling. The condition 'shall the house of Israel no more defile' indicates that previous defilement caused glory's departure; future holiness will secure permanent presence. This promise finds fulfillment in the new covenant—not a physical temple but the redeemed community indwelt by God's Spirit eternally.

## Historical Context

The phrase 'throne' and 'footstool' recalls Psalm 132:7 ('we will worship at his footstool') and Isaiah 66:1 ('the earth is my footstool'). The temple represented God's earthly throne room where heaven and earth met. The promise of eternal dwelling seemed impossible given the first temple's destruction, yet God assures it

will happen. Historical Israel's failure to maintain holiness led to exile, but the new covenant provides Spirit-enablement for sustained obedience (36:26-27). Jesus fulfilled this by being 'Immanuel—God with us' (Matthew 1:23), and the Spirit's indwelling ensures God permanently dwells with His people (John 14:16-17, Romans 8:9-11). The ultimate fulfillment comes in Revelation 21:3: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them.'

## **Related Passages**

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does knowing God desires to dwell with you forever shape your understanding of His covenant commitment?
2. What defilements need to be cleansed from your life so God's presence can fully dwell and reign?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי בְּנֵי אָדָם אֶת מְקוֹם כִּסֵּאִי  
**And he said** H413 **of the children** H1121 **of man** H120 **and the place** H4725 **of my throne** H3678

שָׁמָּה אֶשְׁכֵּן אֲשֶׁר כָּפַלְתִּי בְּגָלִי וְאֶת מְקוֹם כַּפְּי  
H853 **and the place** H4725 **of the soles** H3709 **of my feet** H7272 H834 **where I will dwell** H7931 H8033

עַד יִטְמָאוּ וְלֹא אֶלְעוֹלָם שְׂרָאֵל בְּנֵי בֵּית וְ  
**in the midst** H8432 **of the children** H1121 **of Israel** H3478 **for ever** H5769 H3808 **no more defile** H2930 H5750

הַמֶּה קֹדֶשׁ יְשׁוּעָה שְׂרָאֵל בֵּית  
**shall the house** H1004 **of Israel** H3478 **name** H8034 **and my holy** H6944 H1992

וּבְפִגְרֵי בִזְנוּתָם מַלְכֵיהֶם  
**neither they nor their kings** H4428 **by their whoredom** H2184 **nor by the carcasses** H6297

בְּמוֹתָם: מַלְכֵיהֶם  
**neither they nor their kings** H4428 **in their high places** H1116

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 43:9** (Kingdom): Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

**Psalms 47:8** (Kingdom): God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

**Leviticus 26:30** (Parallel theme): And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

**Revelation 22:3** (Parallel theme): And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

**Psalms 99:1** (Kingdom): The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

**1 Chronicles 28:2** (Kingdom): Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

**Ezekiel 20:39** (Holy): As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

**Ezekiel 1:26** (Parallel theme): And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.