

Isaiah 32:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

Analysis

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation (וַיָּשָׁב עַמִּי בְנוֹה שְׁלוֹם, veyashav ami binveh shalom)—my people will יָשָׁב (yashav, dwell, settle) in בְּנוֹה (naveh, habitation, dwelling) of שְׁלוֹם (shalom, peace). **And in sure dwellings** (וּבְמִשְׁכְּנוֹת מְבֹטָחִים, uvemishkenot mitvachim)—in מִשְׁכְּנוֹת (mishkenot, dwellings) that are מְבֹטָח (mitvach, secure, safe). **And in quiet resting places** (וּבְמְנוּחוֹת שְׁאֲנָנוֹת, uvimenuchot sha'ananot)—in מְנוּחָה (menuchah, resting places) characterized by שְׁאֲנָן (sha'anan, tranquil, at ease).

The threefold promise emphasizes complete security: peaceable habitation, sure dwellings, quiet resting places. This is the positive reality corresponding to earlier negative (forsaken palaces, v. 14). What was lost through sin is restored through Spirit. The irony: verse 9 condemned women who were שְׁאֲנָנוֹת (sha'ananot, at ease) in false security; verse 18 promises מְנוּחוֹת שְׁאֲנָנוֹת (menuchot sha'ananot, tranquil resting) in true security. The difference: false ease trusts Egypt; true rest trusts God. Hebrews 4:9-11 promises Sabbath-rest for God's people—ceasing from self-effort, entering divine provision.

Historical Context

Israel's history involved constant displacement—Egyptian slavery, wilderness wandering, Canaanite conflicts, Assyrian and Babylonian exiles. The longing for secure dwelling permeates Scripture. The Promised Land was meant to provide this (Deuteronomy 12:10), but sin brought judgment and exile. Ultimate fulfillment

awaits new heavens and earth: 'And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them' (Revelation 21:3).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What's the difference between false ease (trusting Egypt, v. 9) and true rest (trusting God, v. 18)?
2. How does Christ provide 'peaceable habitation'—secure dwelling—even amid earthly turmoil?
3. What would it look like for you to dwell in 'quiet resting places' spiritually, emotionally, mentally?

Interlinear Text

וְיָשׁוּ בִּ	עַמִּי י	בְּנֵי הַ	שָׁלֹוֹם	וּבְמִשְׁכָּנֹתַי	מְבֹטָחִים יִהְיוּ
shall dwell	And my people	habitation	in a peaceable	dwellings	and in sure
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וּבְמִנוּחַ תִּ	שְׁאֲנֻנוֹתַי:				
resting places	and in quiet				
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Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 2:5 (Parallel theme): For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

Jeremiah 33:16 (Parallel theme): In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

Hebrews 4:9 (Parallel theme): There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

1 John 4:16 (Parallel theme): And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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