

Jeremiah 16:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Analysis

Despite judgment, hope appears: 'Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.' This introduces comparison between past and future redemption. The Exodus was Israel's defining redemptive event, constantly remembered in liturgy and covenant recitals. However, a future deliverance will surpass even Exodus, becoming the new primary testimony. This prophesies restoration from exile so significant it will eclipse even Egypt's exodus in Israel's memory and worship. This demonstrates God's covenant faithfulness: judgment is not final; restoration follows for the remnant.

Historical Context

After 70 years of exile, God brought a remnant back to Judah under Persian decree (Ezra, Nehemiah). This return became a 'second exodus,' though the ultimate fulfillment awaits Christ's final redemption.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does promise of future restoration demonstrate God's covenant faithfulness even in judgment?
2. What does comparison to the Exodus teach about the magnitude of promised restoration?
3. How do Old Testament restoration prophecies find ultimate fulfillment in Christ's redemptive work?

Interlinear Text

בָּנִים אֲתָה בָּנַי אֶשְׁר אָשָׁר
H3588 H518 liveth But The LORD H834 that brought up H853 the children
H2416 H3068 H5927 H1121

בְּאָרֶץ וּתְמִכְלָה יִשְׁרָאֵל וּמִכָּלָה וּמִכָּלָה
of Israel and from all the lands of the north and from all the lands
H3478 H776 H6828 H3605 H776

עַל וְשָׁבְתִּים שָׁפָה הַדִּים מְחַרְבָּה וְשָׁבְתִּים
H5921 H7725 H8033 H5080 them and I will bring them again
H834

לְאָבוֹתֶם: נָתַתִּי אֲשֶׁר אֶזְדְּמַת מִ
into their land that I gave unto their fathers
H127 H834 H5414 H1

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 24:6 (Parallel theme): For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

Jeremiah 3:18 (References Israel): In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

Jeremiah 32:37 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

Psalms 106:47 (References Lord): Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

Amos 9:14 (References Israel): And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Ezekiel 39:28 (References Lord): Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

Ezekiel 36:24 (Parallel theme): For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Isaiah 14:1 (References Lord): For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

Jeremiah 30:10 (References Lord): Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

Jeremiah 30:3 (References Lord): For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.