

Jeremiah 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

God promises to set His eyes upon the exiles 'for good' and bring them back to the land. He will 'build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.' This agricultural imagery reverses Jeremiah's commission to 'root out, and to pull down, and to destroy' (1:10). After judgment accomplishes its purpose, restoration begins.

Historical Context

This promise applied to those taken in the first deportation (597 BC). They would form the core of the restored community after 70 years.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the imagery of God building and planting encourage you after seasons of loss?
2. What does it mean that God's eyes are upon you 'for good'?

Interlinear Text

וְשִׁמַּתִּי י	עֵינַי י	עֲלֵיהֶם	לְטוֹבָה	וְהָשִׁבְתִּי ים
For I will set	mine eyes	H5921	upon them for good	and I will bring them again
H7760	H5869		H2896	H7725
עַל	הָאָרֶץ	הַזֹּאת	וּבְנִיתִים	וְלֹא אֶקַּח
H5921	to this land	H2063	and I will build	H3808
	H776		H1129	H2040
וְנִטְעַתִּי ים	וְלֹא אֶקַּח	אֶתְנִשׁ:		
and I will plant	H3808	them and not pluck them up		
H5193		H5428		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 42:10 (Parallel theme): If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

Jeremiah 29:10 (Good): For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

Jeremiah 33:7 (Parallel theme): And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

Jeremiah 12:15 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

Jeremiah 32:41 (Good): Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jeremiah 1:10 (Parallel theme): See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Psalms 34:15 (Parallel theme): The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

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:

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.

1 Peter 3:12 (Parallel theme): For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

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