

Jeremiah 30:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

Analysis

I will bring again the captivity (שָׁבֵתִי שְׁבּוֹת, 'shavti shevut')—this 'restoration of fortunes' wordplay signals covenant renewal. **Jacob's tents** (אֹהֶלְיוֹן עֲקֹב, 'oholei ya'akov') evokes patriarchal promises, while **have mercy on his dwellingplaces** uses רָחֵם ('racham', womb-love/compassion) for God's tender restoration.

The city shall be builded upon her own heap (עַל תַּלְהָ תִּבְנֶה עִיר, 'al tillah tibaneh ir')—Jerusalem would rise from ruins ('tel', 'mound of ancient rubble). Partially fulfilled in 538 BC return, ultimately fulfilled in new Jerusalem (Rev 21:2-3) built on resurrection ground.

Historical Context

This prophecy sustained Jewish hope through 70 years of exile. Cyrus's decree (Ezra 1:1-4) began fulfillment, though full restoration awaited the Messiah and new covenant era.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What 'heaps of rubble' in your spiritual life need God's rebuilding work?
2. How does God's 'womb-compassion' (racham) comfort you in times of discipline?
3. In what ways is the new Jerusalem the ultimate fulfillment of all restoration promises?

Interlinear Text

שָׁבֹות	שָׁבָע	הַבָּנִי	יְהִי הַ	אֶמֶּרֶת	כְּהִ
H3541 Thus saith	H2005 Behold I will bring again				
H559	H3068				
		H7725			
			H7622		
אֶבֶל יְהִי	אֶרְחַ מְשֻׁבָּנָת	וּמְשֻׁבָּנָת יְהִי	יְעַקּוֹב וְ	אֶבֶל יְהִי	וְיְבָנָת הַ
tents	shall be builded	on his dwellingplaces	and have mercy	of Jacob's	tents
H168	H1129	H4908	H7355	H3290	H168
עיר עַל תָּל הַ	וְאֶרְם וְעַל	וְאֶרְם וְעַל	וְיְמִשְׁפָּט וְ		
and the city	after the manner	upon her own heap	and the palace	H5921	H5921
H5892	H4941	H8510	H759		
שָׁבָע:					
shall remain					
H3427					

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 102:13 (Grace): Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

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.

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 49:39 (References Lord): But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:3 (Parallel theme): And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Zechariah 1:16 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 46:27 (Parallel theme): But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

Jeremiah 49:6 (References Lord): And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 44:26 (Parallel theme): That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Jeremiah 31:4 (Parallel theme): Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.