

Jeremiah 32:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

Analysis

After completing the transaction and sealing the deed, Jeremiah explains the symbolic significance: 'Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.' This declaration of hope comes at the darkest moment—Jerusalem besieged, defeat certain, exile imminent. Yet God promises restoration. The specific mention of houses, fields, and vineyards emphasizes normal life will resume: people will again live in homes, farm their land, and enjoy its produce.

This promise demonstrates that God's judgment, though severe, is not final. Exile would last seventy years (29:10), but it would end. The people would return; the land would be inhabited; life would continue. This establishes the principle that God's discipline of His children is always redemptive, never merely punitive. Hebrews 12:5-11 teaches that God disciplines us for our good, that we might share His holiness. The exile disciplined Israel to cure them of idolatry—and it succeeded.

For Christians, this promise assures us that present suffering is not God's final word. Though we experience trials, persecution, and the frustrations of living in a fallen world, God promises ultimate restoration. Romans 8:18 declares that present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory to be revealed. Like Jeremiah's field purchase testified to coming restoration, our faithful endurance testifies to confidence in God's promises of new heavens and new earth.

Historical Context

This prophecy was fulfilled when Cyrus allowed Jews to return (538 BC) and they rebuilt homes, replanted fields, and cultivated vineyards. Yet the fulfillment was partial—most Jews remained in dispersion, the land never fully recovered its former glory, and political subjugation continued. The fuller fulfillment awaits the new creation, where God's people will dwell securely in the land of promise forever (Revelation 21-22).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How should God's promises of future restoration affect how we respond to present difficulties and losses?
2. What does the specific mention of ordinary life (houses, fields, vineyards) teach us about God's concern for the whole of human existence?
3. In what ways does Jeremiah's field purchase model how we should live—investing in earthly responsibilities while awaiting heavenly promises?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	H3541	For thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel
		H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H5750
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shall be possessed again	Houses	and fields	and vineyards	in this land		H2063
H7069	H1004	H7704	H3754	H776		

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 3:10 (References Lord): In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Jeremiah 30:18 (References Lord): 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.

Jeremiah 31:5 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

Jeremiah 31:24 (Parallel theme): And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.

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:

Jeremiah 31:12 (References Lord): Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.