

Jeremiah 32:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

God promises comprehensive restoration: gathering from 'all countries,' bringing them back to 'this place,' causing them to 'dwell safely.' Note that God takes responsibility for the scattering—'whither I have driven them in mine anger'—yet promises to reverse it in mercy. This demonstrates that God's anger is temporal, directed at sin's punishment, while His love is eternal, securing ultimate blessing for His people. Psalm 103:9 says, 'He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.'

The promise to 'dwell safely' addresses the insecurity exile created. Displaced from their land, living as strangers in Babylon, the exiles had no security. God promises not just return but safe dwelling—freedom from fear, protection from enemies, stability. This anticipates the ultimate security believers have in Christ. Romans 8:31-39 assures that nothing can separate us from God's love; John 10:28-29 promises that no one can snatch Christ's sheep from His hand.

This pattern of scattering and gathering recurs throughout Scripture. God scattered humanity at Babel (Genesis 11:8), then promised to bless all nations through Abraham's seed (Genesis 12:3). Israel was scattered in exile, then gathered back. The church is gathered from all nations (Acts 1:8; Revelation 7:9). At Christ's return, the elect will be gathered from the four winds (Matthew 24:31).

God's ultimate purpose is to gather a people for Himself from every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Historical Context

The return from Babylon fulfilled this partially—a remnant returned and resettled the land. But the fuller fulfillment came through Christ, who began gathering the scattered children of God (John 11:51-52). At Pentecost, Jews from 'every nation under heaven' (Acts 2:5) heard the gospel and believed. The church became the new community of the gathered, dwelling safely in Christ.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise to gather what He scattered demonstrate His sovereignty over judgment and restoration?
2. What does it mean to 'dwell safely' in God's care—what fears and insecurities does this address?
3. In what ways has Christ gathered God's scattered people, and what final gathering still awaits at His return?

Interlinear Text

הֲנֵנִי י'	מִקְבָּצָם	מִכָּל	הָ אֲרָצוֹת	אֲשֶׁר
H2005	Behold I will gather them out	H3605	of all countries	H834
	H6908		H776	
הַדִּחֵיתִי ים	שָׁם	בְּאַפִּי י'	וּבְחֲמָתִי י'	וּבְקֶצֶף
whither I have driven	H8033	them in mine anger	and in my fury	wrath
H5080		H639	H2534	H7110
גָּד וּל	וְהִשְׁבֵּיתִים	אֶל	הַמָּקוֹם	הַזֶּה
and in great	and I will bring them again	H413	unto this place	H2088
H1419	H7725		H4725	
וְהִשְׁבֵּיתִי ים	לְבֵטָח:			
and I will cause them to dwell	safely			
H3427	H983			

Additional Cross-References

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.

Jeremiah 23:6 (Parallel theme): In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Psalms 106:47 (Parallel theme): 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.

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.

Ezekiel 11:17 (Parallel theme): Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

Jeremiah 23:8 (Parallel theme): But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Zechariah 14:11 (Parallel theme): And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

Hosea 1:11 (Parallel theme): Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

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