

# Jeremiah 32:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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**Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them** (נְקַנֵּת) — שְׁעָדוֹת בְּקַטֵּף וְכַתּוּב בְּסֻפֶּר וְסַתּוּם — meticulous legal detail mirrors Jeremiah's purchase transaction (vv. 9-12, 44). Hebrew kathov basefer (write in the deed) and chatom (seal) reflect ancient Near Eastern property law requiring written contracts, witness attestation, and sealed copies for legal validity. Normal jurisprudence requires stable society—impossible under occupation.

**And take witnesses in the land of Benjamin** (וְקָנֵעַד עֲזִים) — geographical specificity follows: Benjamin's tribal territory (north of Jerusalem), Jerusalem's vicinity, Judah's cities (mountain, lowland/shephelah, Negev/south). This comprehensive enumeration covers all Judah's regions—no area remains excluded from restoration. **For I will cause their captivity to return** — (כִּי-אָשֵׁב אֶת-שְׁבָוֹתֶם) literally 'restore their restoration,' emphasizing complete reversal of exile.

## Historical Context

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The five geographical zones (Benjamin, Jerusalem, hill country, shephelah, Negev) represent Judah's entire territory, systematically devastated by Nebuchadnezzar's

three campaigns (605, 597, 586 BC). Nehemiah's reforms (445 BC) and economic revival demonstrate partial fulfillment; Ezra 2:1 and Nehemiah 7:6-73 list returnees by these same regions, showing God's promise precision.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Why does God include mundane legal procedures (contracts, witnesses, seals) in prophecy about restoration?
2. How does comprehensive geographical coverage ('hill country, valley, south') demonstrate God's attention to all His people, not just prominent locations?
3. What does it mean that God promises to 'restore their restoration'—can restoration itself be restored?

## Interlinear Text

רַבָּה	בְּנֵי	יְהוָה	וּבְנֵי	יְרוּשָׁלָם
Jerusalem	and in the cities	of Judah	and in the cities	of the mountains
H3389	H5892	H3063	H5892	H2022

אֶת	אֲשֶׁר	יָבֹא	כִּי	פֶּתַח	גַּבְעָה	וּבְאָרֶץ	הַשְׁפֵלָה	וּבְאָרֶץ	וּבְאָרֶץ
and in the cities	of the valley	and in the cities		of the south	H3588		to return		H853

וְיָהִי	נָאָם	שְׁבֹות	מִ	לְפָנֶיךָ
for I will cause their captivity	saith	the LORD		

## Additional Cross-References

**Jeremiah 17:26** (References Lord): And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

**Jeremiah 33:26** (Parallel theme): Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

**Jeremiah 33:11** (References Lord): The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for

ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

**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 32:10** (Witness): And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.

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