

# Jeremiah 33:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

## Analysis

**Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate** (וַיֹּדֶעַ אֱלֹהִים בְּמִקְוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָתֶם אֹמְרִים חָרֵב הוּא, od yishama bammakom hazzeh asher atem omrim charev hu)—'Again' (od) promises restoration after silence. The people's despair ('shall be desolate,' charev, waste/ruin) contrasts with God's promise of renewal. **Without man and without beast**—the total desolation echoes Genesis 1's pre-creation void, suggesting God will perform a new creation in Jerusalem.

**In the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem**—the specific geography grounds this promise in real places, not mere spiritual allegory. God's restoration addresses actual ruins, actual cities, actual streets. Biblical hope is incarnational, not ethereal.

## Historical Context

The Babylonian destruction (586 BC) left Jerusalem and Judah's cities depopulated wastelands. Archaeological evidence confirms widespread abandonment. Against this historical reality, God promises renewed habitation. The post-exilic return (538 BC onward) partially fulfilled this, but the promise finds ultimate completion in the New Jerusalem where God dwells with His people (Revelation 21:3).

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What areas of your life or community feel 'desolate without man and without beast'—completely beyond hope?
2. How does God's promise to restore specific places (not just abstract spiritual renewal) shape your prayers for broken cities and communities?
3. In what ways does the 'again' of restoration after devastation reflect the pattern of cross-and-resurrection in Christian experience?

## Interlinear Text

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כֹּה הִנֵּה	אָמַר יְהוָה	עוֹד	יִשְׁמַע ע	בְּמָקוֹם
H3541	H559	H3068	H5750	H4725
Thus saith	the LORD	Again there shall be heard	in this place	
הִנֵּה	אֲשֶׁר	אָמַר יְהוָה	חֲרֵב	יָמָא יְהוּדָה
H2088	H834	H859	H2720	H369
		Thus saith	shall be desolate	
אֶדְ	יָמָא יְהוּדָה	בְּהֶמָה:	בְּעָרֵי	יְהוּדָה
H120	H369	H929	H5892	H3063
without man	and without beast	even in the cities	of Judah	
וּבְחֵצֵי	יְרוּשָׁלַם	הַנִּשְׁמָה	יָמָא יְהוּדָה	אֶדְ
H2351	H3389	H8074	H369	H120
and in the streets	of Jerusalem	that are desolate	without man	
יֹשֵׁב	יָמָא יְהוּדָה	בְּהֶמָה:		
H3427	H369	H929		
and without inhabitant	and without beast			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 32:43** (Parallel theme): And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

**Jeremiah 32:36** (References Lord): And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

**Ezekiel 37:11** (Parallel theme): Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

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