

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 (וְיִשְׁמַע בָּמָקֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם אָמַרְתֶּם קָרְבַּ הָאָזֶן)—'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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

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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H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	H5750	Again there shall be heard												in this place
H559		H3068														H4725
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H2088		H834		H859	Thus saith		shall be desolate	H1931		H559		H2720				H369
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and in the streets																H369
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Additional Cross-References

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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