

# Jeremiah 42:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

## Analysis

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God's conditional promise: remain in Judah and I will build you up; flee to Egypt and you'll face what you fear. The phrase 'I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you' shows God's judgment was remedial, not vindictive. Having accomplished His disciplinary purpose, He's ready to bless. But blessing requires obedience to His word. Faith means trusting God in the place He assigns, even when it seems dangerous.

## Historical Context

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God promises to replant them in Judah despite its devastation. This required faith that God could protect them from Babylonian reprisal and restore the land.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does trusting God's promise to 'build and plant' challenge your desire for security?
2. What does God's 'repenting of evil' teach about the purpose of His judgments?

## Interlinear Text

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| אִם<br>H518                                   | שׁ וְב<br>If ye will still<br>H7725           | תָּשֻׁבוּ<br>abide<br>H3427              | בָּאָרֶץ<br>in this land<br>H776 | הִלֵּאת<br>H2063                   | וְבִנֵּי יִתִּי<br>then will I build<br>H1129 | אֶתְכֶם<br>H853 |
| וְלֹא<br>H3808                                | אֶהָרֶס<br>you and not pull you down<br>H2040 | וְנִטְעֵתִי<br>and I will plant<br>H5193 | וְלֹא<br>H3808                   | אֶתְכֶם<br>H853                    |   |                 |
| אֶת וְשׁ<br>you and not pluck you up<br>H5428 | כִּי<br>H3588                                 | נִחַמְתִּי<br>for I repent<br>H5162      | אֶל<br>H413                      | הָרָעָה<br>me of the evil<br>H7451 | אֲשֶׁר<br>H834                                |                 |
| עָשִׂיתִי<br>that I have done<br>H6213        | לָכֶם:<br>H0                                  |  |                                  |                                    |   |                 |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 24:6** (Parallel theme): For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

**Jeremiah 31:28** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

**Ezekiel 36:36** (Parallel theme): Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

**Joel 2:13** (Repentance): And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

**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.

**Amos 7:6** (Repentance): The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

**Exodus 32:14** (Repentance): And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

**Jonah 4:2** (Repentance): And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

**Jonah 3:10** (Repentance): And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

**Amos 7:3** (Repentance): The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.