

Micah 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.

Analysis

In the day that thy walls are to be built (yom livnot geaderayik, יּוֹם לְבָנוֹת גְּדֵרַיַּךְ). The Hebrew gader (גָּדֵר) refers to walls or fences—both literal city walls and metaphorical boundaries. This prophesies restoration after exile: rebuilding Jerusalem's walls (fulfilled under Nehemiah, 445 BC) and reestablishing Israel's territorial boundaries. The "day" signals God's appointed time for reversal of judgment.

In that day shall the decree be far removed (yom hahu yirchaq choq, יּוֹם הַהָּא יִרְחַק קְרַבְתְּ). The choq (קָרְבָת, "decree/statute") likely refers to the decree of exile or the boundaries restricting Israel's influence. Some interpret it as removing limitations placed on Israel, allowing expansion beyond previous borders. The verb rachaq (רָחַק, "be far/removed") promises abolishing restrictive decrees.

This verse anticipates both near fulfillment (return from Babylonian exile, rebuilding under Ezra/Nehemiah) and ultimate fulfillment (the New Jerusalem whose walls are described in Revelation 21:12-21, and Christ's kingdom expanding without limits—Daniel 2:35, 44). The church age sees spiritual fulfillment as God builds His spiritual temple (1 Peter 2:5) and extends His kingdom to earth's ends (Matthew 28:18-20).

Historical Context

Jerusalem's walls were destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC, leaving the city defenseless and vulnerable. Nehemiah led reconstruction in 445 BC despite fierce opposition (Nehemiah 2-6). This partial fulfillment encouraged returned exiles. Yet full restoration awaited Messiah's coming. Christ builds His church (Matthew 16:18) and establishes an everlasting kingdom. The final fulfillment occurs in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3) where God's people dwell securely forever. Micah's prophecy thus spans from historical return from Babylon to eschatological consummation in Christ's eternal kingdom.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the promise of rebuilt walls encourage believers experiencing spiritual desolation or defeat?
2. What 'decrees' limiting God's kingdom does Christ remove through His redemptive work?
3. How do we participate in God's 'wall-building' work today through gospel proclamation and church building?

Interlinear Text

וְ	יְ	בָּנָ	וְתָ	לְבָנָ	וְתָ	גַּדְלָ	וְתָ	וְ	רַמְלָ
In the day	are to be built	that thy walls	In the day						be far removed
H3117	H1129	H1447	H3117						H7368

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shall the decree
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Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 2:8 (Parallel theme): And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

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