

# Psalm 107:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

## Analysis

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This verse describes God's purpose in restoration. 'And there he maketh the hungry to dwell' shows God places people in restored land. 'The hungry' are those in need, presumably exiles returning to desolation. 'That they may prepare a city for habitation' indicates settlement and civilization. 'Prepare' (kun, ּמַעַן) means to establish, make firm, or found. God restores land and settles people so they can build sustainable communities. This demonstrates God's redemptive pattern: He doesn't merely save individuals but restores communities and provides place for covenant people to dwell. Salvation includes physical dwelling, not just spiritual redemption.

## Historical Context

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Returning exiles resettled Judah, rebuilding Jerusalem and surrounding cities (Ezra, Nehemiah). God didn't merely forgive sin but restored their homeland, enabling community life. This pattern extends to the church—God saves into community (1 Peter 2:9-10), not isolation. Ultimately, the 'city for habitation' is New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3), where God dwells with His people eternally. Salvation's goal is dwelling with God in secure, permanent community.

## Related Passages

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

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

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

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does salvation include community dwelling, not just individual redemption?
2. What does resettlement and city-building teach about God's comprehensive redemption?
3. How is the church the current expression of God settling people in covenant community?

## Interlinear Text

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to dwell	H8033	And there he maketh the hungry	that they may prepare	a city	
H3427		H7457	H3559	H5892	

מָשֵׁב:  
for habitation  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 107:7** (Parallel theme): And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

**Luke 1:53** (Parallel theme): He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**Acts 17:26** (Parallel theme): And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

**Psalms 146:7** (Parallel theme): Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

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