

Psalm 107:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

Analysis

This verse describes restored productivity. 'And sow the fields, and plant vineyards' indicates agricultural renewal. 'Sow' (zara, זָרָא) and 'plant' (nata, נָתַן) are cultivation verbs. 'Which may yield fruits of increase' shows productivity and abundance. 'Fruits of increase' (pri tevuah, פְּרִי תְּבוּאָה) means productive harvest. Restored land bears fruit, reversing judgment (v. 34). This fulfills covenant blessing (Leviticus 26:3-5; Deuteronomy 28:4-8). The verse teaches that redemption restores productivity—God gives not just salvation but fruitful labor. This anticipates the new creation where curse is removed and work becomes blessing (Revelation 22:3).

Historical Context

Returning exiles replanted Judah's fields and vineyards, experiencing covenant blessing for obedience. Isaiah prophesied this restoration: 'They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them' (Isaiah 65:21). Haggai and Zechariah encouraged rebuilding, promising agricultural blessing (Haggai 2:18-19). For the church, spiritual fruitfulness parallels agricultural imagery (John 15:5, 8; Galatians 5:22-23). Believers bear fruit for God's glory through Christ.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does restored agricultural productivity picture spiritual fruitfulness?
2. What is the relationship between covenant obedience and blessing/productivity?
3. How does the new creation restore work to its pre-fall blessing without curse?

Interlinear Text

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| וְזַרְעֵ | שׁ | דֹת | וּפְעֵ | כְרֶם | וְיַעֲשֵ | פָר | תְבוֹאָה: |
| And sow | the fields | and plant | vineyards | which may yield | fruits | of increase | |
| H2232 | H7704 | H5193 | H3754 | H6213 | H6529 | | H8393 |

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 3:7 (Parallel theme): So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (Parallel theme): Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

Isaiah 37:30 (Parallel theme): And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

Jeremiah 29:5 (Parallel theme): Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

Zechariah 8:12 (Parallel theme): For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

Genesis 26:12 (Parallel theme): Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Ezekiel 28:26 (Parallel theme): And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

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