

# Zechariah 10:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

## Analysis

**And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph** (וְגִבַּרְתִּי אֶת־בֵּית יְהוּדָה וְאֶת־בֵּית יוֹסֵף אוֹשִׁיעַ)—remarkable promise of reunification. Judah (southern kingdom) and Joseph/Ephraim (northern kingdom) split in 922 BC, with northern tribes exiled in 722 BC. God promises to gibar (strengthen, make mighty) and yasha (save, deliver) both houses, restoring covenant unity.

**And I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them** (וְהוֹשַׁבְתִּים כִּי רַחֲמִים)—racham (compassion/mercy) motivates restoration, not Israel's merit. **And they shall be as though I had not cast them off**—complete forgiveness, as if exile never happened. This is grace: judgment erased, relationship restored. **For I am the LORD their God, and will hear them**—covenantal formula reaffirms the relationship. Paul sees the church (Jew and Gentile united) as ultimate fulfillment of this two-house reunification (Ephesians 2:11-22).

## Historical Context

By Zechariah's time, most northern tribes remained scattered among Assyrian captivity. This prophecy looked forward to eschatological restoration when all

Israel would return. Partial fulfillment came as some northern remnants joined Judah's return; ultimate fulfillment awaits Messiah's kingdom (Romans 11:25-27).

## **Related Passages**

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## **Study Questions**

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1. What does it mean that God can make us 'as though He had not cast us off' despite past judgment?
2. How does the reunification of Judah and Ephraim illustrate reconciliation between divided Christian groups?
3. What role does divine mercy (racham) play in your understanding of your own restoration to God?

## Interlinear Text

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וְגִבַּרְתִּי יוֹסֵף  
And I will strengthen H1396 H853 the house H1004 of Judah H3063 H853 the house H1004 of Joseph H3130

אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁׁ  
and I will save H3467 H7725 וְהוֹשַׁבְתִּים כִּי רַחֲמֵתִי יִהְיֶה  
H3588 H1961 them for I have mercy H7355

כַּאֲשֶׁר  
upon them and they shall be as though H834 H3808 לֹא זָנַחְתִּי יִהְיֶה  
H2186 I had not cast them off H3588 אֲנִי כִּי  
H589

יְהוָה הֵאֱמַנָם  
for I am the LORD H3068 אֱלֹהֵיהֶם וְיִשְׁׁ  
H430 their God H6030 and will hear

## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 13:9** (References God): And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

**Zechariah 10:12** (References Lord): And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 3:18** (Parallel theme): In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

**Zechariah 8:11** (References Lord): But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Isaiah 41:10** (References God): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

**Ezekiel 36:37** (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

**Hosea 1:11** (Parallel theme): Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

**Isaiah 14:1** (Grace): For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

**Hosea 2:23** (Grace): And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

**Micah 5:8** (Parallel theme): And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.