

# Zechariah 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

## Analysis

**And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land**—God possesses His people rather than being possessed by them. The verb nāchal (נָכַל, 'inherit/possess as inheritance') typically describes Israel inheriting Canaan, but here the roles reverse: Yahweh inherits Judah as His cheleq (חֶלֶק, 'portion/allotment'). This recalls Deuteronomy 32:9, 'For the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.' We are God's treasured inheritance (Ephesians 1:18).

**In the holy land** ('admat haqqōdesh, אֲדָמָת הָקֵדֶשׁ)—the only place in Scripture this exact phrase appears. While 'eretz (אֶرֶץ, 'land') is common, 'adamah (אֲדָמָה) emphasizes the soil/ground itself, the very dirt becoming 'holy ground' by God's presence. **And shall choose Jerusalem again**—bāchar (בָּחָר, 'choose') in the perfect tense: God re-affirms His elective love for Jerusalem despite centuries of judgment. The 'again' ('ōd, תּוֹךְ) assures that exile hasn't nullified divine election (Romans 11:29).

## Historical Context

The returned remnant questioned whether God still favored them after seventy years of Babylonian exile. Jerusalem lay in ruins, the modest temple couldn't compare to Solomon's glory, and the Davidic throne remained empty. Zechariah reassures them: God's covenant choice of Jerusalem stands firm. The 'holy land' designation sanctifies the geographic inheritance promised to Abraham.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean that God 'inherits' His people rather than we merely inherit blessings from Him?
2. How does God's unchanging choice of Jerusalem relate to the New Testament vision of the New Jerusalem?
3. In what ways can you more fully become God's 'portion' and inheritance today?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶתֶּן	תְּעַלְּמָה	וְיַהְוֵה	אֶת	יְהוּדָה	וְכָלְקָן	עַל	תְּעַמֵּד
shall inherit	And the LORD	H853	Judah	his portion	H5921	land	
H5157	H3068		H3063	H2506		H127	
בְּרִיחָה שָׁלָם:	עַד	בְּקָרְבָּן	וְיַעֲשֵׂה				
in the holy	and shall choose	H5750	Jerusalem				
H6944	H977		H3389				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 1:17** (References Lord): Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

**Deuteronomy 32:9** (References Lord): For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

**Jeremiah 10:16** (References Lord): The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.

**Psalms 33:12** (References Lord): Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

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