

*Why will Israel feel secure living in unwalled villages prior to the tribulation?*

Israel's sense of security in unwalled villages before the tribulation is attributed to several factors. This security is not due to a state of peace, but rather confidence in their own strength, particularly their military capabilities[1]. Israel's army has successfully fought several wars since its founding, leading to a sense of security despite potential threats[1]. The description of "unwalled villages" is seen as representative of modern Israeli kibbutzim[1][2].

This security is described as a false sense of safety. Israel will be "duped into signing a worthless security agreement"[2][3]. This false security is expected to come from a covenant with the Antichrist at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation period, guaranteeing Israel's national security[4]. The Hebrew word used in Ezekiel for this state is "betakh," which implies a feeling of security rather than actual peace[2][3].

Israel presently has strong defenses, including nuclear capabilities, despite not being at peace with all its neighbors[2]. However, this state of perceived security is a prerequisite for the prophesied Ezekiel invasion and subsequent Great Tribulation period[1][5].

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