

"The Mountains of Israel"  
Ezekiel 36

Note: Chapter 36 is in direct contrast to 35. Edom will be \_\_\_\_\_ but Israel will be \_\_\_\_\_. This chapter speaks prophetically of a literal \_\_\_\_\_ in a literal \_\_\_\_\_ with a literal \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 1 Q. To whom is Ezekiel to prophesy?

A.

Note the change in \_\_\_\_\_ description. We are not talking about the \_\_\_\_\_ where idolatrous worship took place but the majestic mountains that represented the \_\_\_\_\_ calling of Israel.

v. 2 Q. What is the message?

A. Your enemy expressed \_\_\_\_\_ when you were conquered and expressed their \_\_\_\_\_ of taking the land for themselves.

vv. 3-7 Q. What was God's response?

A.

v.3 1. Because they \_\_\_\_\_ and crushed you on every side...

2. Resulting in your diaspora and being \_\_\_\_\_ by the other nations.

3. Resulting in you becoming the focus of \_\_\_\_\_ talk and slander.

v. 4 4. To those places that suffered humiliation through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.5            5.    The Lord has spoken a prophetic word \_\_\_\_\_ those nations.
6.    With \_\_\_\_\_ and malicious hearts, they entered the land of Promise to take it for their own and to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- v.6            7.    God is speaking in \_\_\_\_\_ wrath over his people to whom the nations \_\_\_\_\_. [used contemptible, dishonorable language]
- v.7            8a.   God \_\_\_\_\_ an oath.
- 8b.   That oath involves \_\_\_\_\_  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ . [scorn for scorn]

vv. 8-16 Q. What does God promise to do for His people?

- v.8            1.    The land will once again become \_\_\_\_\_.
2.    Because God will bring his people \_\_\_\_\_ to the Promised Land.
- v.9            3.    God is \_\_\_\_\_ for them [despite all appearance]
4.    God will look upon them with \_\_\_\_\_.
5.    \_\_\_\_\_ will begin again.
- v.10           6.    God will bring back a \_\_\_\_\_ of people to once again inhabit \_\_\_\_\_ the land.
7.    God will \_\_\_\_\_ the towns and ruins.
- v.11           8.    God will bring the \_\_\_\_\_ of people and animals.
9.    They will be \_\_\_\_\_ and numerous.

10. They people will \_\_\_\_\_ the land as in the past.
11. God will make them more \_\_\_\_\_ than before.
12. [\_\_\_\_\_]
- v. 12 13. The land will once again be the people's \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The land will never \_\_\_\_\_ its inhabitation again.
- vv. 13-14 14. The mountains (the land) have a \_\_\_\_\_ for killing its own.
15. But God will \_\_\_\_\_ that reputation through his personal declaration.

Note: Leviticus 18:28; 20:22

- v.15 16. God's people will no longer suffer the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations around them [because they will be suffering the same fate].

vv. 16-23a **Recap of Israel's sin**

- Q. How does God describe Israel's defilement of the land?
- vv. 16-17 A. Their conduct was like the \_\_\_\_\_ defilement of a menstruating woman.
- v. 18 Q. How did God respond?
- A. God poured out His \_\_\_\_\_ on them...
1. Because they shed \_\_\_\_\_ in the land and...
2. Because they \_\_\_\_\_ the land with their idols.

Note the play on words with " \_\_\_\_\_ " and " \_\_\_\_\_ " and " \_\_\_\_\_."

vv. 19-20 Q. How did God further describe their sins?

A.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ them because of their sins.
2. But I was the one who was \_\_\_\_\_ of glory because of the response of the nations.

Note: In other words, they were Yahweh's \_\_\_\_\_ and now they are scattered. Yahweh must be a \_\_\_\_\_ god.

vv. 21-23 Q. What drives the next actions of God?

A.

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ for His own holy name.
2. He will act for \_\_\_\_\_ and not for the sake of them.
3. He will use \_\_\_\_\_ [the Israelites] to restore that name among the nations.

vv. 24-31 Q. What is God intending to do? [I will]

A.

v. 24 1. I will \_\_\_\_\_ you from all the countries and \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ into your own land.

Note: This did not happen under Cyrus or Artaxerxes. That was a \_\_\_\_\_ return. And...it still wasn't \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. There wasn't a land until May 14th, 1948, and the subsequent return of the Jews from all over the world.  
[\_\_\_\_\_ – return]

v. 25 2. I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ clean.

Note: This is an allusion to Numbers 19:17-19 and ashes of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- v. 26
3. They will receive a new \_\_\_\_\_ (an authentic desire to do God's will)
  4. They will receive a new \_\_\_\_\_ (a spirit of willingness to obey)

Note: Both indicate an \_\_\_\_\_ change rather than an \_\_\_\_\_ obligation. It is likened to the "new \_\_\_\_\_" in Jeremiah 31:33.

- v. 27
5. I will put \_\_\_\_\_ in you.
    - a. Spirit of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
    - b. Spirit of God (\_\_\_\_\_)
    - c. Prophetic \_\_\_\_\_
  6. This will result in Israel \_\_\_\_\_ God's decrees and laws.

Note: This is a complicated issue. First, because the Jewish people do not have a biblical understanding of the Holy Spirit as a \_\_\_\_\_ but as a \_\_\_\_\_. There is no "third Person of God."

Second, if we understand this to be Pentecost, it can only be in \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment. Yes, the Spirit of God indwelt Jewish believers at Pentecost, but it did not \_\_\_\_\_ the nation. This was/is extended to all believers in Yeshuah (Jew and Gentile).

Which causes us some difficulty because, thirdly, this promise was given specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Fourth, this leads me to believe that this promise is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the age when Jesus comes back and the remnant are "born again" of the Spirit.

- v. 28      7.    You will live in the \_\_\_\_\_.
8.    The \_\_\_\_\_ relationship will be restored.
- v. 29      9.    I will save you from that which makes you \_\_\_\_\_ from me.
10.   I will make your grain harvest \_\_\_\_\_ without fear of famine.
- v. 30      11.   I will bring the \_\_\_\_\_ from your trees and crops.
12.   \_\_\_\_\_ will no longer be your disgrace among the nations.
- v. 31    Q.    What is God's desire for them?
- A.
1.    You will \_\_\_\_\_ your evil ways and wicked deeds.
2.    You will \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves for what you have done.
- Note: Sin is never so \_\_\_\_\_ than when it is set next to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- v. 32    Q.    Why is God doing this for Israel? Cp. 22-23
- A.
1.    God is \_\_\_\_\_ because of them.
2.    They should be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3.    As we have seen in prior verses, God is doing this for his own \_\_\_\_\_, for his own reputation.

vv. 33-38 Q. What is God intending to do for his people [I will - #2]

A.

v. 33 1. On the day that God \_\_\_\_\_ all their sin...

Note: We must ask, "\_\_\_\_\_ this was accomplished?" It was ultimately provided for on \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus.

2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ your towns and \_\_\_\_\_ your ruins.  
[Modern state of Israel]

v. 34 3. The land will be \_\_\_\_\_ once again and not lying desolate.

v. 35 4. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the renewed \_\_\_\_\_ of the land [like Eden] and in the \_\_\_\_\_ cities that are inhabited and fortified.

Note: This did not happen until the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

Mark Twain wrote upon his visit [c.a.1867] that it was a combination of mosquito infested, swampland and barren desert. "Palestine," Twain avowed, "sits in sackcloth and ashes." And Jerusalem, the "stateliest name in history", was, in reality, a village, so small he could circle it – all "rags, wretchedness, poverty and dirt" – in an hour. That storied city, he concluded, was "mournful, and dreary, and \_\_\_\_\_" and for the life of him, he would not choose to live there.

v. 36 5. [\_\_\_\_\_]

6. It is an \_\_\_\_\_ promise from God.

vv. 37-38 Q. What is God's promise to His people?

A.

1. God will once again hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people to return home.
2. God will answer that in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**Application Questions:**

Q. Mark Twain said, "If you want evidence of the existence of God, look no further than the Jews"? Explain.

A.

Q. According to this chapter, why must the nation of Israel exist?

A.