

## EZEKIEL 36:1-38 – “BLESSING ON ISRAEL; THE RENEWAL OF ISRAEL ”

### OBSERVATION

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#### RESTORATION – THE LAND HEALED : (VS. 1-15)

*Eze 36:1 "And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD!'*

*Eze 36:2 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,' " "*

*Eze 36:3 therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people"—*

*Eze 36:4 therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—*

*Eze 36:5 therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country." "*

*Eze 36:6 "Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations." "*

*Eze 36:7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.*

*Eze 36:8 But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.*

*Eze 36:9 For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.*

*Eze 36:10 I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.*

Eze 36:1 **Prophecy to the mountains of Israel** - This is a part of the preceding prophecy though it chiefly concerns the Jews. In it they are encouraged to expect a glorious restoration, and that none of the evil wishes of their adversaries should take place against them.

Eze 36:2 **Because the enemy has said** - The Idumeans thought they would shortly be put in possession of all the strong places of Israel; the ancient high places shall be ours.

Eze 36:3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people: You are made a matter of talk and derision to all the world.

Eze 36:4 **Therefore - thus says the Lord God to the mountains, etc.** - They shall neither possess mountain nor valley, hill nor dale, fountain nor river; for though in my justice I made you desolate, you they shall not profit by your disasters.

Eze 36:5 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey. They appointed with themselves to have it, and therefore came with Nebuchadnezzar against Jerusalem for this purpose.

Eze 36:6 Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations:

Because you have been a laughing stock to them.

Eze 36:7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; I have lifted up my hand, by making a solemn oath. Surely the nations that are about you, they shall bear their shame.

Eze 36:8 But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall' shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are soon to come. God declares his mercies and goodness toward his Church, who still preserves his, even when he destroys his enemies.

Eze 36:9 **You shall be tilled and sown** - The land shall be cultivated as it formerly was, when best peopled and at peace.

Eze 36:10 **And I will multiply men upon you,....** Who should inhabit the cities on the mountains, and increase very much: **all the house of Israel, even all of it:** not the Heathens should be multiplied on them, but the Israelites, all of them, and them only; all the tribes of Israel, the ten tribes as well as the other; and which is repeated for the confirmation of it: **And the cities shall be inhabited, and the ruins rebuilt;** in a literal sense; as well as the church of God, and inheritance of Christ, shall then be in a flourishing condition.

**In chapters 33 to 48, we have the climax of God's prophetic plan for Israel. – The return of God's flock, Israel, in chapters 33 & 34. Chapter 35 is the judgment of Mount Seir.**

**Today in chapter 36, with have the renewal of the Land, Israel.**

**In the first 7 verses, we see God's reaction to the devastation of Israel by their enemies.**

**In verses 3-6, we see the shame and destruction brought by the invasion of the Israel by their enemies.**

**In verse 7, we see the intention of the Lord to bring revenge upon Israel's enemies.**

**Verses 8 & 9, give a vision of great productivity. (Lev. 26:3-5)**

**Can you see how God can give a barren land great productivity? How about individuals?**

**Verses 10-12 shows a vision**

## EZEKIEL 36:1-38 – “BLESSING ON ISRAEL; THE RENEWAL OF ISRAEL ”

### OBSERVATION

*Eze 36:11 I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.*

*Eze 36:12 Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children."*

*Eze 36:13 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they say to you, 'You devour men and bereave your nation of children,'*

*Eze 36:14 therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore," says the Lord GOD.*

*Eze 36:15 Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples anymore, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore," says the Lord GOD.' "*

### REGENERATION – THE PEOPLE CLEANSED : (VS. 16-38)

*Eze 36:16 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:*

*Eze 36:17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity.*

*Eze 36:18 Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it.*

*Eze 36:19 So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.*

*Eze 36:20 When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name—when they said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they have gone out of His land.'*

### INTERPRETATION

Eze 36:11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you according to your old estates, and will do better to you than at your beginnings, which was accomplished under Christ, to whom all these temporal deliverances directed them: and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Eze 36:12 You, I will cause men to walk upon you, that is, on the mountains of Jerusalem, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

Eze 36:13 Thus says the Lord GOD; Because they say to you, Thou land devours men, and hast bereaved thy nations; This the enemies imputed as the reproach of the land, which God did for the sins of the people according to his just judgments.

Eze 36:14 **Therefore thou shalt devour men no more**,.... Or they shall be no more destroyed by pestilence, famine, sword, or other means:

**nor bereave that nations any more, says the Lord**; or, "thou shalt not cause them to fall any more", for so it is written, as in Eze 36:15, though the marginal reading is, "thou shalt not bereave", which we follow; and both are to be received, since miscarriages often come by falls.

Eze 36:15 **Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore**,....

Their calumnies and revilings, their scoffs and jeers: **neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people anymore**; or be any more a taunt and a curse, a proverb and a byword of the people; or be their laughing stock, and the object of their derision: **neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, says the Lord God**; by famine, sword, or pestilence, or any other judgment caused by sin: or, "thou shalt not bereave" people.

Eze 36:16 **Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me**,.... Here begins another prophecy, which was delivered about the same time with the former: **saying**; as follows:

Eze 36:17 **When the house of Israel dwelt in their own land** - Had they continued faithful to me, they had never been removed from it: but they polluted it with their crimes; and I abhorred the land on that account, and gave both them and it up to the destroyers.

Eze 36:18 **Wherefore I poured my fury on them**,.... Like a mighty flood that carries all before it, in just retaliation **for the blood they had shed upon the land**; the innocent blood; the blood of the prophets, that were sent to warn them of them; and especially the blood of the Son of God; for this prophecy reaches further than to the times of the Babylonian captivity: **and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it**; or, "for their dung"; their dunghill gods; not only for their idols, and their idolatry,

Eze 36:19 The reason for their removal was their sin, which God's holiness could not let pass unpunished; just as a woman's legal uncleanness was the reason for her being *separated* from the congregation.

Eze 36:20 **profaned my holy name, when they** — the heathen **said to them** — the Israelites. **These, etc.** — The Israelites gave a handle of reproach to the heathen against God, who would naturally say, These who take usury, oppress, commit adultery, etc., and who, in such an abject plight, are "gone forth" as exiles "out of His land," are specimens of what Jehovah can or will effect, for His people, and show what kind of a God this so-called holy, omnipotent, covenant-keeping God must be!

In verses 16-24, we see “Aliyah” – the revelation of the return of His people to their Land  
The reason for their scattering – vs. 16-20

## EZEKIEL 36:1-38 – “BLESSING ON ISRAEL; THE RENEWAL OF ISRAEL ”

### OBSERVATION

*Eze 36:21 But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went.*

*Eze 36:22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.*

*Eze 36:23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.*

*Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.*

*Eze 36:25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.*

*Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

*Eze 36:27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*

*Eze 36:28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.*

*Eze 36:29 I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.*

*Eze 36:30 And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.*

### INTERPRETATION

Eze 36:21 **I had pity for mine holy name** — that is, I felt pity for it; God's own name, so dishonored, was the primary object of His pitying concern; then His people, secondarily, through His concern for it.

Eze 36:22 **not ... for your sakes** — that is, not for any merit in you; for, on the contrary, on your part, there is everything to call down continued severity (compare Deu 9:5, Deu 9:6). The sole and sure ground of hope was God's regard to "His own name," as the God of covenant grace (Psa 106:45), which He must vindicate from the dishonor brought on it by the Jews, before the heathen.

Eze 36:23 **sanctify** — vindicate and manifest as holy, in opposition to the heathen reproaches of it brought on by the Jews' sins and their punishment (see on Eze\_36:20). **sanctified in you** — that is, in respect of you; I shall be regarded in their eyes as the Holy One, and righteous in My dealings towards you (Eze 20:41; Eze 28:22)

Eze 36:24 Fulfilled primarily in the restoration from Babylon; ultimately to be so in the restoration "from all countries."

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, that is, his spirit by which he reforms the heart and regenerates his and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. See Isa 44:3

Eze 36:26 **A new heart also will I give you** - I will change the whole of your infected nature; and give you new appetites, new passions; or, at least, the old ones purified and refined. **And a new spirit will I put within you** - I will renew your minds, also enlighten your understanding, correct your judgment, and refine your will, so that you shall have a new spirit to actuate your new heart. **I will take away the stony heart** - That heart that is hard, impenetrable, and cold; the affections and passions that are unyielding, frozen to good, unaffected by heavenly things; that are slow to credit the words of God. **And I will give you a heart of flesh** - One that can feel, and that can enjoy; that can feel love to God and to all men, and be a proper habitation for the living God.

Eze 36:27 **And I will put my Spirit within you**,.... My Holy Spirit, the Spirit of holiness; the author of internal sanctification, of the new heart and spirit, and of the fleshy one before mentioned; and through whose grace and strength the saints do what is after said they shall do; **and cause you to walk in my statutes**: men are first made alive by the Spirit of God, and have spiritual strength put into them, who of themselves can do nothing; by means of which they are enabled to walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, and to continue in the observation of them; which walking in them supposes: **and you shall keep my judgments, and do them**; being constrained by the love of God; influenced by the grace of Christ; and strengthened by the blessed Spirit: and such persons observe and do them willingly and cheerfully; from a principle of love; in faith, and to the glory of God; without any mercenary and selfish views; without trusting to, and depending upon, what is done for salvation.

Eze 36:28 **You shall be my people** - Wholly given up to me in body, soul, and spirit. **And I will be your God** - To fill you with love, joy, peace, meekness, gentleness, longsuffering, fidelity and goodness, to occupy your whole soul, and gratify your every desire.

Eze 36:29 **I will also save you from all your uncleannesses** - I repeat it; "I Will save you from all your sins."

Eze 36:30 **You shall receive no more reproach of famine** - You shall be daily and hourly fed with the bread that endures unto eternal life. "But will not those get proud, who are thus saved. if there be any such? and will they not

### APPLICATION

**How will God sanctify His great name – v. 23?**

In verses 24-38 are laid out God's transformation of His people!

**First, God will cleanse them from their sins (Regeneration) – sprinkling! (vs. 25, 29; Ez. 37:23; John 3:1-21; Hebrews Titus 3:4-7;**

**1 Jn. 1:9!)** – This is a picture of the gracious forgiveness we have through faith. God forgives trusting sinners because of the death of Jesus on the cross! **Notice the need for all to be "born again"!!!!**

**1 - Spiritual cleansing – (Numbers 19:17-22; Ps. 51:7, 10; John 3:5) -(this applies also to us believers)**

**2 - Inward Change – (Ez. 11:17-21; Jer. 31:31-34) -(this applies also to us believers)**

**3 - Faithful Commitment – (Ez. 39:29; Is. 44:3; 59:21; Joel 2:28-29; Gal. 5:16) -(this applies also to us believers)**

**4 - Physical Conditions in the Land – (Is. 35:1-2; 55:13; Zech. 8:12)**

**Second, He will give them a new heart! (V. 26; Ez. 11:18-20; 18:31; Dt. 5:29; Jer. 24:7; 31:31-33; 32:39; Is. 59:21; Heb. 8:8-13)** – inward change, the kind of change that the Lord yearned for Israel to experience before they entered the Promised Land. Replacing their "stony" heart (Ez. 2:4; 3:7)

**Third, He will give them the Holy Spirit within! (Ez. 36:27; 2 Pet. 1:1-4; 1 John 3:9)** It is the Spirit who accomplishes these divine miracles in the hearts of those who trust the Lord for salvation. He gives us a new heart and new spirit and also a new desire to love the Lord and obey Him. The Holy Spirit is given like refreshing water upon parched ground-this produces the "fruit of the Spirit" in our lives (Is. 44:3; Gal. 5:22-23). The witness of the Spirit in the heart is proof that the person has been born of god (Rom. 8:9, 14-17; Eph. 1:13-14)

**Fourth, He will claim them again as His people! (v. 28)** It will be like a renewal of the covenant, for they will live in the land. He will be their God and they will be His people. This will be a permanent arrangement for they will no longer rebel against the LORD and disobey His will.

**Fifth, He will cause the land to flourish! (vs. 29-30; 33-35)** Under the Old Covenant God agreed to bless them and meet their needs if they would obey Him (Lev. 26:1-13; Dt. 28:1-14)

# EZEKIEL 36:1-38 – “BLESSING ON ISRAEL; THE RENEWAL OF ISRAEL ”

## OBSERVATION

*Eze 36:31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.*

*Eze 36:32 Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"*

*Eze 36:33 Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.*

*Eze 36:34 The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.*

*Eze 36:35 So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'*

*Eze 36:36 Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."*

*Eze 36:37 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock.*

*Eze 36:38 Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."*

### QUESTIONS:

- What covenant in the Bible settled the ownership of the land of Israel? What determines/ed the possession and enjoyment of the land? Is there a similarity to Christians?
- Why are there six “therefore”s in the first 14 verses of today’s study?
- How did Israel “profane God’s name before the Gentiles” – vs. 20-23? Is there a similarity with today’s church?
- What and where was/is the “little sanctuary” that God promised Israel in chapter 11:17?
- Identify Regeneration - In verses 24-38 there are a number of spiritual experiences (8) that God lays out for Israel’s spiritual change – which are the same for every believer. How many can you mention?
- First, God will cleanse them from their sins – sprinkling!
- Second, He will give them a new heart!
- Third, He will give them the Holy Spirit within!
- Fourth, He will claim them again as His people!
- Fifth, He will cause the land to flourish!
- Sixth, the people will abhor their sins!
- Seventh, will be the blessing of fellowship with the LORD!
- Eighth, will be the blessing of the multiplication of population.
- Can you see how God can give a barren land great productivity? How about individuals?

## INTERPRETATION

Eze 36:31 Then shall you remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loath yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. You will come to true repentance and think yourselves unworthy to be of the number of God's creatures, for your ingratitude against him.

Eze 36:32 **Not for your sakes do I this, says the Lord,....** Not for any worth or worthiness in them; for any merit or desert of theirs; for any goodness in them, or works of righteousness done by them; no, it purely flowed from his own unmerited grace and goodness; for his own sake, and for his own glory, will he do it; see Deu 9:4, **be it known unto you**; this the Lord would have this people take notice of, who were very fond of their own righteousness and merits, and to trust therein, and ascribe much thereunto, as most men are too apt to do; and therefore, to take down their pride, and take them off of their boastings and vain opinions of themselves. **be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel**; as men are when they are brought to a true sight and sense of them, and reflect upon the evil of them, and are brought to true repentance for them;

Eze 36:33 **Thus says the Lord God, in the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities,....** By the free and full pardon of them; by sprinkling clean water on them, the blood of Christ on their consciences; and by applying the righteousness of Christ to them for their justification; **I will also cause you to dwell in the cities**; that is, of Judea, which, as well as Jerusalem, shall be rebuilt and inhabited, as follows: **and the wastes shall be built**: such cities and towns as lay in ruins: temporal prosperity shall go along with or follow spiritual blessings to the people of the Jews at their conversion; or they shall dwell in the churches of Christ.

Eze 36:34 **And the desolate land shall be tilled,....** The land of Judea, which lay desolate during the captivity, and which now is under the dominion of the Turks, and in a ruinous state, shall be manured and cultivated, and become fruitful, as it formerly was. **whereas it lay desolate in the eyes of all that passed by**: as the land of Canaan now does to every traveler in it, that observes it, and compares it with what it once was; and as the present state of the Jews is, in the eyes of every Christian pilgrim and traveler, that takes notice of their blindness and ignorance, their unbelief and hardness of heart.

Eze 36:35 **This land that was desolate by sin, is become like the garden of Eden by righteousness** - Satan’s blast is removed; God’s blessing has taken place.

Eze 36:36 **Then the heathen** - They shall see how powerful Jehovah is, and how fully he saves those who come unto and worship him.

Eze 36:37 **Thus says the Lord God** - In answer to the question, “Who shall have such blessings?” we say, they that pray, that seek earnestly, that strive to enter in at the strait gate. “Thus says the Lord, I will for this be inquired of by the house of Israel.” Neither Jew nor Gentile shall be thus saved who do not earnestly pray to God; and for this thing; for this complete salvation; this setting up of the kingdom of Christ upon earth, and particularly in their own souls.

Eze 36:38 **As the holy flock** - A reference to the flocks and herds brought up to Jerusalem to be consecrated and offered unto the Lord 2Ch 35:7. Thus, the idea is brought out: (1) of the multiplication of the people, (2) of their dedication to the service of God.

## APPLICATION

**Sixth, the people will abhor their sins! (vs. 31-32)** When some remember their sins, they enjoy them again in the dirty depths of their imaginations. This is evidence that they really haven’t judged them and repented. When true children of God remember their past disobedience, they’re ashamed of themselves and abhor themselves because of what they have done to the Lord, themselves, and others. (Ps. 97:10; Rom. 12:9)

**Seventh, will be the blessing of fellowship with the LORD!**

**Eighth, will be the blessings of the multiplication of population.**

**Finally, as a result of all of these blessings, the LORD will be glorified!**

**Every born again believer sees a parallel here with their own experience of faith in Christ. The Lord has washed us (1 Cor. 6:9-11), given us new hearts and His Holy Spirit within, and because of this, we should have a holy hatred for sin. We have the privilege of communion with God and prayer for our needs, plus a desire within to His will. God wants to make our lives abundantly fruitful so we will glorify His name. The Lord has made us a part of His new covenant (Heb. 8:10) so that our union with Him through Christ is eternal and unchanging. Hallelujah, what a Savior!!**