### Ezekiel

## Chapter 36

1‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Against the mountains of IsraEl  
 You must now testify.  
 You must tell IsraEl’s mountains  
 To hear the Word of Jehovah…  
 2For the Lord Jehovah has spoken.  
  
 ‘Since the enemy has said this against you:  
  
 ‘Well done! Because these desolate places  
 Have now become ours throughout the ages!’  
  
 3About this you must prophesy…  
 Tell them that thus says Jehovah the Lord:  
  
 ‘As you were dishonored and detested  
 By those who lived roundabout you,  
 Those who wanted the nations to take you…  
 Those who said bad things about you...  
 And that made you the butt of their scorn…’  
  
 4‘Because of this, O IsraEl’s mountains,  
 Hear what Jehovah has said!  
  
 ‘Jehovah says this to your mountains and hills  
 And to your desolate rivers and valleys:  
  
 Although your cities are all abandoned and gone,  
 Yes, looted and trampled by the nations roundabout…  
 5Because of this,’ says Jehovah:  
 ‘In the fire of My rage, I have spoken  
 Against all of them who remain…  
 Yes, against all of Edom I’ve spoken,  
 For they happily took My land as their own…  
 They destroyed, dishonored, and looted My people.  
  
 6‘So concerning IsraEl, you must prophesy;  
 Say to her mountains and valleys,  
 And to her hills and her forests  
 That thus says Jehovah, the Lord:  
  
 ‘{Look!} In My rage and zeal, I have now condemned  
 All of those nations that scorned you.  
 7And because they did this to you,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘I will raise My hand against all those nations,  
 Yes, those who live roundabout you,  
 And they will now bear your dishonor.  
  
 8‘But upon your mountains, O IsraEl,  
 My people will eat the fruit of their vines;  
 For they’ll live in the hope of returning.  
  
 9‘{Look} And because I’m for you, I’ll watch over you,  
 Then your [land] will be planted and worked once again.  
 10Among you, I’ll multiply men  
 To the ends of IsraEl’s [borders];  
 Your cities will all be lived in again,  
 And the places they destroyed will all be rebuilt.  
  
 11‘Among you, I’ll multiply cattle and men,  
 Yes, they will increase and grow many...  
 I’ll settle you as you were long ago,  
 And do good for you as I’ve done in the past…  
 Then you’ll know that I am Jehovah.  
  
 12‘And those who’ve stood against IsraEl, My people,  
 Will also have many children,  
 But, they will become your possessions…  
 Yes, they will be owned by you,  
 And they’ll not leave you childless again.  
  
 13‘And about those nations, Jehovah said this:  
  
 ‘Many men have come and consumed you,  
 So your people no longer have children!  
 14But you’ll not be consumed by men anymore,  
 And your nation will never be childless again,’  
 Says Jehovah, the Lord.  
  
 15‘And never again will you hear  
 The gentiles showing dishonor to you…  
 No you won’t bear their scorn anymore,  
 Nor will your nation be childless again,’  
 Says Jehovah, the Lord.’  
  
  
16Then the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 17‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Although the house of IsraEl has lived in this land,  
 They’ve defiled it in this bad way:  
 By their uncleanness with women  
 Who were living apart as unclean.  
  
 ‘This is how they’ve acted before me,  
 18So, upon them, I’ve poured out my rage  
 For all the blood that they’ve spilled,  
 And for the disgusting things that they’ve done.  
  
 19‘So among the nations, I’ve scattered them all…  
 To many places, I [blew] them away.  
 I judged them each by the things that they did  
 And according to the sins they’ve committed.  
  
 20‘Then they entered the nations where they had been sent,  
 And there they profaned God’s Holy Name.  
 For the nations that lived there were saying:  
  
 ‘Although these people belong to Jehovah,  
 He has driven them out of their land!’  
  
 21‘So, for the sake of [God’s] Name,  
 Which the house of IsraEl profaned,  
 I spared them in all the [lands] where they went.  
  
 22‘And because of this,  
 Tell the house of IsraEl that thus says Jehovah:  
  
 ‘O house of IsraEl,  
  
 ‘I won’t take action for your sakes,  
 But rather, for the sake of My Holy Name,  
 Which you’ve profaned among all the nations  
 Wherever you have been sent.  
  
 23‘I will make My Name holy again,  
 Which is being profaned among gentiles,  
 The Name that you profaned in their midst…  
 Then those nations will know that I am Jehovah,’  
 Says Jehovah the Lord,  
 ‘When before their eyes, I’m made holy among you.  
  
 24‘For I’ll take you away from those nations  
 And gather you back from those [countries],  
 Then bring you back to your land.  
  
 25‘I’ll pour clean water upon you,  
 And from your filth, you’ll be cleansed.  
 I’ll also cleanse you of idols,  
 26And then I will give you new hearts.  
  
 ‘Indeed, I will give you new spirits,  
 And remove your hearts made of stone,  
 Then change them into hearts made of flesh.  
  
 27‘Within you, I will then put My Spirit,  
 Which will cause you to follow My rules.  
 And thereafter, you’ll obey My decisions…  
 Yes, you will observe every one!  
  
 28‘Then you’ll live on the land that I gave to your fathers…  
 You’ll be My people and I’ll be your God.  
 29I’ll save you from your uncleanness;  
 I’ll send you much grain… And then even more,  
 And I won’t send famine among you again.  
  
 30‘I’ll multiply the fruit on your trees,  
 As well as the crops in your fields;  
 So the scorn of famine, you’ll not have to bear  
 Among the nations again.  
  
 31‘Then you’ll think about all the bad things you’ve done  
 And the wicked ways that you’ve lived,  
 And you’ll loathe those things that you’ve practiced  
 And the disgusting things that you did.  
  
 32‘But I won’t do this on your behalf,’  
 Says Jehovah the Lord,  
 ‘But rather, in order to remind you  
 That you should be ashamed and remorseful  
 For the many bad deeds that you practiced!  
  
 33‘Then the Lord Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘In the day that I cleanse you from your lawless deeds,  
 I’ll resettle you in your own cities  
 And rebuild your desolate places.  
  
 34‘Your desolate land will be worked once again,  
 And the reasons why it was destroyed  
 Will be forgotten by all that pass by.  
  
 35‘Then they’ll say that this land, which once was destroyed  
 Has become a luxurious garden.  
 And the towns that were wiped away and destroyed  
 Yes, those that had been razed to the ground,  
 Will again be fortified cities.  
  
 36‘And then, the nations around you,  
 Yes, those who remain at that time,  
 Will know I’m the One who rebuilt them,  
 Yes, those cities that had once been demolished…  
 I’m the One who replanted those places  
 That I had once wiped away…  
 Yes, when I speak, I’ll take action!’  
  
 37‘And the Lord Jehovah said:  
  
 Then the house of IsraEl will seek Me  
 [And ask Me to] deal with them once again.  
 So, just like sheep, yes, holy sheep,  
 I’ll multiply men like JeruSalem’s flocks  
 During her holiday feasts.  
  
 38‘Then, all of her desolate cities  
 Will be filled with the ‘sheep’ among men…  
 And they’ll know that I am Jehovah.’