

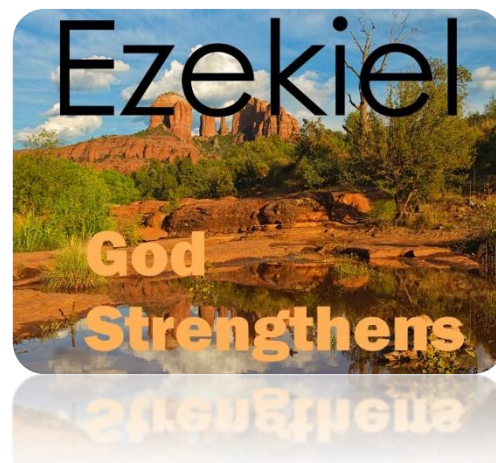
EZEKIEL 36 vs 1

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An outline of Ezekiel: **Chapter 35 - 36**: judgment begins at the household of God; but extends to the irksome neighbors; God always looks for love freely given. Much of this – but not all was local history 2500 years ago.

In chapter 35, Ezekiel spoke to Mount Seir, the mountainous region SW of the Dead Sea where lived the **Edomites**, along the Gulf of Aqabah, also known as the **Red Sea** probably named after their father **Esau** – Petra was their capital... descendants of **Esau**, meaning: **Red**, twin brother to **Jacob**; so they are cousins of **Israel** and **Judah**; yet they were engaged in endless conflict with each other. Ezekiel and Obadiah speak to **Edom** = **Esau** their doom is certain; their envy and hatred for **Israel** and **Judah**... left them perpetually barren. Here we read 2 prophecies given to Ezekiel.



Prophecy 1:

¹ **Also you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel** / at first glance, we think of the home of Israel, the previous tenants of the region who were supposed to be **governed by God**; but were temporarily removed due to faithlessness to God. This prophecy speaks to them, but notice the word is plural – **mountains** speak of several high places where Israel resettled – **Ephraim would become a community of nations; Manasseh would become a great nation**... the promise given to both half-Egyptian brothers would include becoming principal characters... they would be found at the center of the earth. And 2500 years later the ability to find out where they went would be available; they are in the news today.

and say, **O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:**

² **Thus says the Lord GOD; Because the enemy mistakenly said of you, Aha! The ancient high places are our possession: Israel** was deported to Assyria leaving the land empty. Prophet Ezekiel said **Israel's** humiliation would be temporary; but do to their faulty belief, **Edom's** would be perpetual.

³ **Therefore prophesy and say,**

Thus says the Lord GOD / God is going to set the record straight; and clear up any confusion; **Precisely because they made you desolate, and crushed you from every side, that you became a possession of the rest of the nations, and you became the talk and evil gossip of the nations:**

⁴ **Therefore, O mountains of Israel** / O ancient high places wherever they are, who seem to be deposed; what the Lord God says to you, He will say to every piece and parcel of the land temporarily vacated... be it high or low, significant or insignificant... it was **first promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,**

hear the word of the Lord GOD;

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Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and hills, the ravines and valleys; the deserted waste places and abandoned cities, which became a prey and derision / speaking about ghost town Samaria, which became a joke...

to the rest of the nations that surround it / tragically for the last 2500 years it's still a joke. And you would think someone in the neighborhood had read the Book; but if they cannot read, some 4th grader could read the Book for them; at least to find out if they should become squatters and make permanent plans or not. Because Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and all the others... all said the same thing;

⁵ Therefore **thus says the Lord GOD**;

Surely in the heat of My jealousy I spoke against the rest of the nations, and against all **Idumea** / all **Edom** is recipient and will feel the heat of the jealous wrath of God; Herod was an Idumean,

who have wrongly appropriated My **land** for their possession with their wholehearted joy and utter contempt, to make it their prey / just imagine if hordes from the Middle East and North Africa plundered Rome? Or any other country? Oh, you know... like we see happening in the 21st century.

⁶ Therefore, prophesy concerning the **land of Israel**, and say to the **mountains**, and the **hills**, to the **ravines**, and the **valleys** / the land promised to Abraham is in focus; say to them all from the highest to the lowest places vacated by **Israel** – because of faithlessness, because the land is in focus,



Thus says the Lord GOD / realize, the Lord God the Creator is speaking to His creation; He can speak and say **Light Be**... He can speak to a fig tree and curse it... in this case He speaks to **the land** promised to specific descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...

Indeed, because I spoke to **you** in My zealous wrath, **you bore the shame of the nations** / the land endured the insults of those who were not promised it; those who fill it with the trailer-trash of the nations; be they foreign or domestic, who presume and violate the clear word of God first spoken through all the prophets... and this is still true about those in **the land** today, having rejected the Chief cornerstone; as the lawless and religiously goofy outnumber the lawful remnant, as they continue to bring their manmade traditions to the land... which simply indicates this prophecy still has a future fulfillment.

⁷ So, **thus says the Lord GOD I lift My hand** / as Creator and Caretaker of His own... the Creator speaks to His creation in sign language; but He probably is multi-tasking and the onlookers who have enough sense, who might not know Hebrew... will also understand.

STOP...or **I PROMISE**...or both;

for surely the nations that surround you, will bear their own shame / in other words, He hears all His creation still groaning, and it might look like God is unconcerned at the present about those trampling in His land, but in due time He will get to them, too.

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For now, He is dealing with people He chose... who were given an assignment by Him; who had direct access to Him; people who were and are highly blessed... but very stupid, who misappropriate their unique position for self-gain rather than for the benefit of the rest of the world.

⁸ But **you**, O mountains of **Israel**, put forth your branches, and produce your fruit / wherever the tribes of Israel went... from there they will begin to stretch toward the ancient land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... with mutual productivity for the benefit of the massive, joyous return in spirit and in truth. King David said, **pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and work for its prosperity**; Psalm 122 are appropriate actions that fulfill this verse;

for **My people Israel**; they will come soon.

⁹ For indeed, I am for **you**, and I will return to **you**, and **you** will be tilled and sown / and the return has begun, it is being worked over and planted:

¹⁰ And I will multiply people on **you** / the land is in focus; the **land of Israel**, **the whole house of Israel** / so not just the Jewish people of **Judah**,

all of it / **all those governed by God**... notice the double emphasis; God repeats Himself just in case some hardhead wasn't listening... the people are coming and they're excited: **the cities will be inhabited, and the barren places will be built**:

¹¹ And I will multiply on **you** man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful: I will settle **you** as in your former times, and will do you more good than at first / it was their own faithlessness to the Lord GOD that had unsettled the people of **Israel** 2700 years ago; only 2000 years ago the people of **Judah**; even **the queen of Arabia marveled at the scope of the kingdom; what she knew the half had not been told** – 1 Kings 10:

and **you** will know

I am the LORD / all this kindness was because the Lord is a good Teacher. He continues to speak to this portion of His creation...

¹² Yes, I will cause men to tread upon **you** again / this former territory first promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be walked on again; and who are these people who will be treading? Read on...

even **My people Israel**; **they** will possess **you**, and **you** will be their inheritance, and **they** will no longer leave **it** childless / they will no longer leave their property; remember Ezekiel first spoke these words of promise while in Babylon; so, those in ancient Iraq or Iran heard all these grand words of promise before all the rest of us, but was anybody listening? Apparently not.

¹³ **Thus says the Lord GOD**; because they say, you devour Adam's race, and deprive the nation of its children:

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¹⁴ So, you will no longer devour Adam's race, nor leave the nation childless, **says the Lord GOD.**

¹⁵ nor will I let it be heard in you the insults of the nations any more, and you will no longer bear the insults of the people, nor cause the nations to stumble any more, **says the Lord GOD.**

Prophecy 2:

¹⁶ Moreover **the word of the LORD came to me,**

¹⁷ Son of man, when the **house of Israel** lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and deeds: their way before Me was like the dirtiness of a woman in her menstrual uncleanness.

¹⁸ So **I poured** My wrath on them for the blood they shed in the land, and for their idols with which they polluted it / can you imagine? These people transgressed the instructions of God and thought they could get away with murdering children and worshiping the work of their hands – much like churchianity with all her wannabe admirers; lovers of traditions more than lovers of God:

¹⁹ **I scattered** them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries: according to their ways and their deeds **I judged them** / and that is what He is still doing to the House of Israel for the last 2,500 years.

²⁰ But when they entered the nations, wherever they went, they profaned **My Holy Name**; / they treated as ordinary street-talk His name; when people said of them, **These are the people of the LORD?** yet they went out of His land / clearly, yet they were kicked out of His land.

²¹ But I had concern for **My Holy Name**, which the **house of Israel** had profaned among the nations, wherever they went / they treated as common, ordinary, and rudely familiar.

²² So, say to the **house of Israel,**

thus says the Lord GOD; I do this not for your benefit, O house of Israel, but for the benefit of My Holy Name, which you profaned among the nations, wherever you went.

²³ And I will consecrate **My Great Name**, which was mistreated among the nations, which you mistreated among them; and the nations will know...

I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when I am consecrated / when I am specially set apart... in you before their eyes.

²⁴ **I will** take you from among the nations, **and gather you** from all countries, **and bring you to your own land.**

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²⁵ **I will** wash you with clean water, and you will be clean from all your dirtiness, **and I will** clean you from all your idols / all the works of your hands will be gone; trashed and tossed.

²⁶ Also, **I will** give you a new heart, **I will** put a new spirit in you: **I will** remove the stony heart from your flesh, and **I will** give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷ And **I will** put My Spirit in you, **and cause you** to walk in My statutes; you will keep My judgments, and do them.

²⁸ And you will dwell in the **land** that I gave to your fathers; and you will be My people, and **I will be your God**.

²⁹ **I will** also save you from all your dirtiness: **I will** summon the grain, and it will increase, and lay no famine on you.

³⁰ **I will** multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you never again receive blame of famine among the nations.

³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will see and loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your disgraceful deeds.

³² Know this, I do this **not** for your benefit, **says the Lord GOD**: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, **O house of Israel**.

³³ **Thus says the Lord GOD**;

In the day that I clean you from all your inequities, **I will** also cause the cities to be inhabited, and the wasted places will be rebuilt;

³⁴ the deserted land will be tilled, where it lay barren in the sight of all who passed by.

³⁵ And they will say, This **land** that was deserted has become like the garden of Eden; WOW! and the wasted and barren places and ruined cities have become fortified and inhabited.

³⁶ Then the nations that surround you will know

I the LORD rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted what was deserted:

I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it / His words are not cheap; when He speaks, what He says He intends to do. He invites us to join Him; but He isn't a sluggard; He is a tireless Worker.

³⁷ **Thus says the Lord GOD**;

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This also **I will** let the **house of those governed by God** ask of Me, to do for them / He will permit those **governed by God**... so He is not just talking to the Jewish people of **Judah**; He is talking to all of us today. **From the rising of the sun to its setting** -- **Malachi 1**; anywhere, everywhere His Name is Great; where He is exalted. Because we know His Name, we are invited to call Him; He will answer -- **Psalms 91**:

I will increase their people like a flock.

³⁸ **Like the holy flock for sacrifices, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts** / they will not be like any flock of sheep; but those in His care, acting like the One who paid the price for them,

3 feasts days remain on His calendar to be fulfilled; they are at the time of the Ingathering of the Harvest... **they are shadows of things to come**; rehearsed for the last 3,000 years; Messiah's flock who follow Him should with joy reflect life empowered by God's Spirit; for God's purposes; like God's sheep in old Jerusalem; now as God's people who daily take up the cross; offering our self, refreshing our mind that His will be done; who get to know Him and let Him win some battles;

so the previously **wasted cities will be filled with flocks of people**:

And since He is a good Father in heaven... so He is not like absent fathers on earth; He knows His people are not sheep, and He personally teaches His children because He expects them to grow up; hear it again:

I will let the **house of those governed by God** ask of Me, to do for them: and they will know

I am the LORD.

3 Days are still on His Calendar

O Come Let Us Adore Him

God of Wonders

The Privileged Planet

Fibonacci in Nature; The Code of Life | We Came From Where?

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses