

# **Israel's Restoration--Fact or Fantasy?**

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In the 36th chapter of Ezekiel the prophet foresees a day in which the Jewish people will be returned to their land, and have the land returned to them.

### **1) An Address to the Land (36:1-15)**

A) The Squatters Reproved (1-5)

B) The Settlers Return (6-15)

- 1) The Passion (6)
- 2) The Promise (7)
- 3) The Prosperity (8a)
- 4) The People (8b)
- 5) The Portrait (9-11)
- 6) The Prophecy (12)

### **2) An Address to the People (36:16-28)**

A) Israel's Sins (16-23)

- 1) They Polluted God's Land (16-19)
- 2) They Profaned God's Name (20-23)

B) Israel's Salvation (24-38)

- 1) He will plant them in the land (24)
- 2) He will cleanse them (25, 29)
- 3) He will change them (26-27)
- 4) He will claim them (28)
- 5) He will prosper them (29-30)
- 6) They will abhor their sin (31-32)
- 7) He will restore the land and rebuild the ruins (33-36)
- 8) They will fellowship with God (37)
- 9) They will multiply (37b-38a)
- 10) They will glorify God (38b)

Ezekiel 36 speaks of a restored Israel. It pictures a restored land prepared for a redeemed people. But is it fact or fantasy?