

EXEGESIS OF VERSES 27 -29:

VERSE TWENTY-SEVEN

“And I will put My Spirit into your inner parts and I will accomplish this. You will walk in My statutes and you will keep and obey My ordinances”.

וְאֶת־רוּחִי אֶתֵּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם וְעָשִׂיתִי אֵת אֲשֶׁר־בְּחַקֵּי תִלְכוּ
וּמִשְׁפָּטַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ וְעָשִׂיתֶם:

(conj. ו/w "and" + sign. d.o w/ suf-1st-c-s . רִוַח/ruach "my spirit" + verb-qal-imperf-1st-c-s נתן/nathan "I will give" + prep. ב/B "in" + noun-m-s w/ suf-2nd-m-pl קִרְבִּי/qereb "your inner parts" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-1st-c-s עָשָׂה/'asah "I will do" + rel. pron. אֲשֶׁר/'asher "that which" + prep. ב/B "in" + noun-m-pl w/ suf-1st-c-s חֻקִּי/choq "my statutes" + verb-qal-imperf-2nd-m-pl הֲלַךְ/halak "you will walk" + noun-m-pl w/ suf-1st-c-s מִשְׁפָּטִים/mishpat "My ordinances" + verb-qal-imperf-2nd-m-pl שָׁמַר/shamar "you will keep" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-2nd-m-pl עָשָׂה/'asah "you will do").

VERSE TWENTY-EIGHT

“And you will dwell in the land which I have given to your forefathers and you will be My people and I Myself will be your God”.

וְיֹשְׁבֹתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְאֲבֹתֵיכֶם וְהָיִיתֶם לִי לְעָם
וְאֲנִכִּי אֶהְיֶה לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים:

(conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-2nd-m-pl יָשַׁב/yashab "you will dwell" + prep. ב/B "in" + noun-f-s w/ d.a. אֶרֶץ/erets "the land" + rel. pron. אֲשֶׁר/'asher "which" + verb-qal-perf-1st-c-s נָתַן/nathan "I have given" + prep. ל/L "to" + noun-m-p. w/ suf-2nd-m-pl אֲבֹתֵי/ab "your fathers" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-2nd-m-pl הָיָה/hayah "you will be" + prep w/ suf-1st-c-s . ל/L "for me" + prep. ל/L "for" + noun-m-s עָם/'am "a people" + conj. ו/w "and" + pron-1st-c-s אֲנִכִּי/'anokiy "myself" + verb-qal-imperf-1st-c-s הָיָה/hayah "I will be" + prep. w/ suf-2nd-m-pl ל/L "for you" + prep. ל/L "for" + noun-m-pl אֱלֹהִים/elohiym "a God").

VERSE TWENTY-NINE

“And I will deliver you from all of your uncleanness and I will call to the grain and multiply it and I will no longer bring a famine upon you”.

וְהוֹשַׁעְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִכָּל טְמְאוּתֵיכֶם וְקָרָאתִי אֶל־הַדָּגָן
וְהִרְבִּיתִי אֹתוֹ וְלֹא־אֶתֵּן עֲלֵיכֶם רָעָב:

(conj. ו/w "and" + verb-hiph-perf-1st-c-s יִשַׁע/yashab "I will deliver" + sign d.o. w/ suf-2nd-m-pl אֵלֶיךָ/eth "you" + prep. מִן min "from" + noun-m-s const. כֻּל/kol "all of..." + noun-f-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl תִּטְמְאוּ/tum^oah "your uncleanness" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-1st-c-s {waw consec} אֶקְרָא/qara' "I will call" + prep. אֶל/el "unto" + noun-m-s w/ d.a. דָּגָן dagan "the grain" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-hiph-perf-1st-c-s [waw consec] רַבֵּה/rabah "I will cause to be great" + sign d.o. w/ suf-3rd-m-s "it" + conj. ו/w "and" + neg. adv. לֹא/lo' "not" + verb-qal-imperf-1st-c-s נָתַן/nathan "I will give" + prep. w/ suf-2nd-m-pl עָלֶיךָ/al "upon you" + noun-m-s רָעָב/ra'ab "a famine").

ANALYSIS OF VERSES 27 – 29:

1. Yahweh continues with His instruction to Ezekiel in verse twenty-seven regarding Israel's restoration to the land in the End Times.
2. He states that once they arrive there He states, **"...I will put My Spirit into your inner parts and I will accomplish this..."**
3. Such is a reference to the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit that they will enjoy. Such is something that they did not enjoy in the previous dispensation as the Holy Spirit was positioned alongside or occasionally upon the believer (Hag. 2:5; John 14:17 cp. Luke 11:13).
4. Recall that during the Tribulation, one out of every three Jews will make the SAJG. Those who survive the Tribulation will enter into the Millennium as believers (Zech. 13:8, 9).
5. Such ones will be said to be indwelt with the Holy Spirit just as Church Age Saints are today.
6. Our word translated as "inner parts" is the masculine, singular noun, קֶרֶב/qereb, "inner part, midst, heart".
7. Hence this is a reference to the Holy Spirit's post resurrection ministry of indwelling and filling the believer (Ezek. 37:14; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 3:16; I John 3:24).
8. At this time, not only will Jewish believers be indwelt and filled with the Holy Spirit, they will also receive the ability to prophesy and do miraculous works (Joel 2:28, 29).
9. New Doctrine is Hallmark to a new Dispensation, hence prophesies and divine dreams will indeed be featured.
10. He continues in the final two clauses of verse twenty-seven by stating, **"...You will walk in My statutes and you will keep and obey My ordinances"**.
11. Such is not a coerced obedience. Rather it looks to the fact that the nation, for the most part, will function in line with God's plan under Jesus Christ's leadership.
12. There will be no false religion or idolatry to chase after as such things will not be permitted in the Millennium (Psa. 2:9; Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15).
13. He continues in verse twenty-eight stating **"...you will dwell in the land which I have given to your forefathers and you will be My people and I Myself will be your God"**.
14. Their "forefathers" are of course a reference to those Jewish believers who had gone before them, most notably the Patriarchs.
15. God has expressed this sentiment on at least two previous occasions (Ezek. 20:5; 28:25).
16. Of course this was God's will for the Jewish people all along, that they live according to His Law and be His people and He their God.
17. However much of their history has been spent bucking the system and rejecting God.
18. At the End of the Tribulation and in the Millennium +V will rise up that will recognize and worship God the sights of which have not been seen in years and years.

19. He continues in verse twenty-nine where He states **“And I will deliver you from all of your uncleanness and I will call to the grain and multiply it and I will no longer bring a famine upon you”**.
20. Our word for “deliver” is the hiphil imperfect of **יָשַׁב**/yashab, “to be saved, delivered, made safe”.
21. The hiphil stem is causative, noting that it is Yahweh who causes or provides such safety or deliverance.
22. This verb is rare in Ezekiel (cp. Ezek. 34:22; 37:23).
23. It is usually used in the Old Testament of one being saved from danger or from one who is oppressing another.
24. However here the danger they needed to be saved from was not an enemy or invading army, but their “uncleanness” brought on by their rampant OSN activity.
25. They will be saved in a ph1 and ph2 sense and they will be able to move forward spiritually as a nation.
26. The “uncleanness” which was composed of all of their previous OSN activity will no longer be an encumbrance to them moving forward spiritually. Yahweh will deliver them from it.
27. Remember this about God the next time you drop the ball big time. God is always there for us to deliver us from our own stupidity if we take Rebound seriously and repent of our OSN activity.
28. Note that he does not merely deliver them from some of their uncleanness but from all of their uncleanness.
29. Note that again Yahweh mentions the cleansing process that comes with their repentance.
30. This was already mentioned in v. 24. Verse twenty-nine serves as a type of summary indicating the manner in which they will walk.
31. OSN activity will of course still occur, but they will have access to Rebound and will use it.
32. Of course people will have OSNs in the Millennium and will of course have free will. However Yahweh is stating here that there will be a great amount of +V at the time which will chose to remain aloof from the sins of their forefathers that got them expelled from the land.
33. As previously stated, they will have bumper crops and never again see famine once Jesus returns to establish Israel in the Millennium.

EXEGESIS OF VERSES 30 & 31:

VERSE THIRTY

“And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field so that you will no longer receive the disgrace of famine among the nations”.

וְהִרְבִּיתִי אֶת־פְּרֵי הָעֵץ וְתַנּוּבַת הַשָּׂדֶה לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא
תִקְחוּ עוֹד חֲרַפַּת רָעֵב בַּגּוֹיִם

(conj. ו/w "and" + verb-hiph-perf-1st-c-s רָבָה/rabah "I will multiply" + sign. d.o. אֶת/'eth [untranslated] + noun-m-s const. פְּרֵי/p'riy "fruit of..." + noun-m-s w/ d.a. עֵץ/'ets "the tree" + conj. ו/w "and" + noun-f-s const. תַּנּוּבָה/tinuba "produce of..." + noun-m-s w/ d.a. שָׂדֶה/shadeh "the field" + prep. לְמַעַן/lema'an "so that" + rel.. pron. אֲשֶׁר/'asher "which" + neg. adv. לֹא/lo' "not" + verb-qal-imperf-2nd-m-pl "you will receive" + adv. עוֹד/'od "continually" + noun-f-s const. חֲרַפָּה/cherepah "reproach/disgrace..." + noun-m-s רָעֵב/ra'ab "hunger/famine" + prep. בַּ/B "among" noun-m-pl w/ d.a. גּוֹי/goy "the nations").

VERSE THIRTY-ONE

“And you will remember your evil ways and your deeds which were not good and you will be loathsome in your own sight regarding your iniquities and your abominations”.

וְזָכַרְתֶּם אֶת־דַּרְכֵיכֶם הָרָעִים וּמַעֲלָלֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־טוֹבִים
וּנְקַטְתֶּם בְּפְנֵיכֶם עַל עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם וְעַל תּוֹעֲבוֹתֵיכֶם:

(conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-2nd-m-pl זָכַר/zakar "you will remember" + sign d.o. אֶת/'eth [untranslated] + noun-f-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl דַּרְכֵי/derek "your ways" + adj-m-pl w/ d.a. רָע/ra' "the evil ones" + conj. ו/w "and" + noun-m-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl מַעֲלָל/ma'alal "your deeds" + rel pron. אֲשֶׁר/'asher "which" + to be verb [supplied] "were" + neg. adv. לֹא/lo' "not" + adj-m-pl טוֹב/tob "good" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-niph-perf-2nd-m-pl [waw consec] קוּט/qut "you will be caused to loath"+ prep. בַּ/B "in" + noun-m-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl פְּנֵה/paneh "your faces" + prep. עַל/'al "upon" + noun-f-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl עוֹן/'aon "your iniquities" + conj. ו/w "and" + prep. עַל/'al "upon" + noun-f-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl תּוֹעֲבָה/to'ebah "your abominations").

ANALYSIS OF VERSES 30 & 31:

1. Yahweh continues with the blessings that will be host upon the Israelites upon their repenting and again accepting God's ways as opposed to their own OSN-motivated way of life.
2. He states in verse thirty **“And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field so that you will no longer receive the disgrace of famine among the nations”**.
3. As previously stated, God will produce a bumper crop for His people that will far exceed what they had previously experienced.
4. When believers turn from evil and accept the life God has for us, He is able to bless us in ways unimaginable.
5. Much of Israel's history involved them receiving famine as part of the 3rd and 4th cycles of discipline.
6. As their evil continued and led to the 5th cycle, they found themselves thrown out of their own land and dispersed among the nations where they were often mistreated from one degree to another and at times did not have access to adequate nutrition.
7. Never again will this be the case. They will be the recipients of a bumper crop time and again (cp. Joel 2:26).
8. Our word translated as “no longer” is the negative adverb, לֹ/lo', paired with the adverb, עוֹד/od, “continually, habitually, any longer, thereafter”.
9. This is a promise that the house of Israel will “no longer” be destroyed by the fives cycles of discipline and suffer famine and disgrace among the nations.
10. While each individual Jewish person that inhabits Israel during the Millennium still has volition, things will be as such that there will be no rebellion of the type that would cause her to suffer national discipline with Jesus Christ and the twelve apostles at the helm (Isa. 9:7; Ezek. 37:21; Matt. 19:28; Luke 1:32; 22:28-30).
11. However prior to this, they will realize all the evil and –V they, as a people, have espoused over the years.
12. Yahweh states in verse thirty-one, **“And you will remember your evil ways and your deeds which were not good and you will be loathsome in your own sight regarding your iniquities and your abominations”**.
13. This again works as a type of summary note, describing the event at the *approximate time* that it occurs. Not all of these events are chronological.
14. The Hebrew literally reads “you will be caused to loath in your faces” where the hiphil, imperfect of לָקַח/qut, “to loath” is used with the preposition, בַּ/B, “in” and the masculine, plural noun, פָּנֵי/paneh, “faces”.
15. The idea here is that each one looks at himself, each other and their forefathers and just simply hates what they all have done.
16. The Jews will reach a point where the gravity of their sins becomes reality and they are said to hate themselves.
17. The hatred is more of their actions and their histories. However we have all been there when we realize just how horrible something that we have done is and we simply hate ourselves for it (Ezek. 6:9; 20:43 cp. Luke 18:13; Jude 1:22, 23).

18. At the point that they see their Lord, Jesus Christ, they will weep over him due to their people having treated Him so horribly (Zech. 12:10).
19. Part of national repentance involves owning the sins of yourself as well as one's forefathers (Isa. 64:6; Dan. 9:4-20).

EXEGESIS OF VERSES 32 – 34:

VERSE THIRTY-TWO

“It is not because of you that I am doing this declares Adonay Yahweh. Let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways o house of Israel”.

לֹא לְמַעַנְכֶם אֲנִי-עֹשֶׂה נְאֻם יְהוָה אֲדַנִּי יִדְרַע לָכֶם בּוֹשׁוּ
וְהִכְלַמְוּ מִדְרָכֵיכֶם בַּיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל: ס

(neg. adv. לֹא/lo' "not" + prep w/ suf-2nd-m-pl לְמַעַן/l^ema'an "because of you" + pron-1st-c-pl אֲנִי/aniy "I" + to be verb [supplied] "am" + verb-qal-part-m-s עֹשֶׂה/asah "doing" + noun-m-s const. נְאֻם/n^oum "a declaration of..." + proper noun אֲדַנִּי/adanay יְהוָה/yhwh "Adonay Yahweh" + verb-niph-imperf-3rd-m-s יִדְרַע/yada' "let it be known" + prep. w/ suf-2nd-m-pl לָ/L "to you" + verb-qal-imper-m-pl בּוֹשׁ/bosh "be ashamed" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-niph-imper.m-pl כְּלַם/kalam "be disgraced" + prep. מִן/min "from" + noun-f-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl דְרָכָי/derek "your ways" + noun-m-s const. בַּיִת/bayith "house of..." + proper noun יִשְׂרָאֵל/yis^ora'el "Israel").

VERSE THIRTY-THREE

“Thus says Adonay Yahweh, ‘on the day I cleanse you from all of you iniquities, then I will cause the cities to be inhabited and the waste places to be rebuilt”.

כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה אֲדַנִּי יְהוָה בְּיוֹם טָהַרְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִכָּל עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם
וְהוֹשַׁבְתִּי אֶת-הָעָרִים וְנִבְנוּ הַחֲרָבוֹת:

(adv. כֹּה/koh "thus" + verb-qal-perf-3rd-m-s אָמַר/amar "says" + proper noun אֲדַנִּי/adonay יְהוָה/yhwh "Adonay Yahweh" + prep. בַּ/B "on" + noun-m-s const. יוֹם/yom "day..." + verb-piel-inf. const.w/ suf-1st-c-s טָהַר/taher "I clean..." + sign. d.o. w suf-2nd-m-pl אֶת/eth "you" + prep. מִן/min "from" + noun-m-s const. כָּל/kol "all of.." + noun-f-pl w/ suf-2nd-m-pl עֲוֹן/aon "your iniquities" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-hiph-perf-1st-c-s [waw consec] יִשָּׁב/yashab "I will cause to dwell" + sign. d.o. אֶת/eth [untranslated] + noun-f-pl w/ d.a. עָרֵי/iyr "the cities" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-niph-perf-3rd-c-pl בָּנְהוּ/banah "they will be built" + noun-f-pl w/ .d.a. חֲרָבוֹת/char^obah "the ruins").

VERSE THIRTY-FOUR

“And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of what it has become, a wasteland, in the sight of all those who pass through it”.

וְהָאֲרֶץ הַנְּשֻׁמָּה תִּעָבֵר תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר הָיְתָה שְׁמָמָה לְעֵינֵי
כָּל־עוֹבְרִי:

(conj. ו/w "and" + noun-f-s w/ d.a. אֲרֶץ/'erets "the land" + verb-niph-part-f-s w/ d.a. שָׁמַם/shamam "the one made desolate" + verb-niph-imperf-3rd-f-s עָבַר/'abad "it will be cultivated" + prep. תַּחַת/tachath "instead of..." + rel. pron. אֲשֶׁר/'asher "what" verb-qal-perf-3rd-f-s הָיְתָה/hayah "it has become" + noun-f-s שְׁמָמָה/shemamah "a desolation" + prep. ל/L "to" + noun-f-pl const. עֵינַי/'ayin "eyes of..." + noun-m-s const. כָּל/kol "all..." + verb-qal-part-m-s עָבַר/'abar "those who pass through").

ANALYSIS OF VERSES 32 – 34:

1. Yahweh continues with His description of Israel's final restoration in verse thirty-two.
2. He states, **“It is not because of you that I am doing this declares Adonay Yahweh. Let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways o house of Israel”.**
3. It is not as if the Jews have recognized the error of their ways, repented and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and are moving forward spiritually.
4. If such were the case than God would be responding to their +V and restoring them on their behalf.
5. However such is not the case. God has already restored them to the land and blessed them while in unbelief. Indeed they remain in unbelief to this very day.
6. He is doing this because He is sick and tired of His name being drug through the mud. He has already stated this earlier in this passage (Ezek. 36:22 cp. Deut. 9:5).
7. Note that they are commanded to “be ashamed and confounded”. Such is a reference to their “loathing themselves” as a result of and the weight of reality hitting them at the return of Christ.
8. They realized for the first time that their predecessors had rejected and put to death the Son of Man and they had continued in the same unbelief and antagonism to God's plan through the ages (Zech. 12:10).
9. He continues in verse thirty-three where He states **“Thus says Adonay Yahweh, ‘on the day I cleanse you from all of you iniquities, then I will cause the cities to be inhabited and the waste places to be rebuilt”.**
10. This is a bit of a difficult verse to read upon first viewing it Yahweh states it is on the “day”, where them masculine, singular noun, יוֹם/yom is used, that He will rebuild the waste places and cause the cities to be rebuilt.
11. .God has already rebuilt the waste places and caused Israel's cities to be rebuilt beginning at the end of 19th century, lasting all the way up to our current time.

12. No one in his right mind would say that Israel is a waste place or unoccupied.
13. However, we must remember that while there is an almost unprecedented amount of people making the SAJG during the Tribulation, the nation as a whole is still in deep trouble with God.
14. The great majority of the nation will remain in unbelief and many who do believe do not do so until the end of the tribulation.
15. Remember that the second half of the Tribulation is also referred to as “the time of Jacob’s troubles” where various catastrophes occur in Israel (Jer. 30:7)
16. Those Jews who have made the SAJG and are adjusted to the times in which they live will have a place prepared for them in the wilderness by God and they will be protected for 3/12 years (Isa. 16:1-4; Mic. 2:12; Matt. 24:15ff; Rev. 12:6-14)
17. However mass carnage will occur in Israel till the Lord returns to rescue her (Zech. 14:1-4; Rev. 11:13; 16:19).
18. At the end of the Tribulation, He takes all Jews who had not yet made it to the wilderness, but who survived the Tribulation and will judge His people (Zech. 8:7, 8; Ezek. 20:33-38).
19. He will make them pass under the Rod and will purge the rebels from their midst
20. Many will not believe until they see Jesus and realize that He is real (Zech. 12:10).
21. Regardless of when they believe, they will be cleansed of their pre-salvation OSN activity. Such sins will no longer be an encumbrance to their moving forward spiritually.
22. It is at this time that the Lord will rebuild the “waste places” and cause the cities of Israel to be inhabited *again*.
23. He continues in verse thirty-four, “**And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of what it has become, a wasteland in the sight of all those who pass through it**”.
24. The land of Israel will never again become the wasteland that it had become during Ezekiel’s day nor what it was during the 2nd half of the Tribulation.
25. From this point on, all who pass through it will see beautifully cultivated land similar to the Garden of Eden.

EXEGESIS OF VERSE 35 & 36:

VERSE THIRTY-FIVE

“And they will say “this land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden, and the wasted, desolate and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited””.

אָמְרוּ הָאָרֶץ הַלְזוּ הַנְּשֻׁמָה הִיְתָה כְּגַן־עֵדֶן וְהָעָרִים
הַחֲרָבוֹת וְהַנְּשֻׁמוֹת וְהַנְּהָרְסוֹת בְּצוּרוֹת יִשְׁבוּ:

(conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-3rd-c-pl [waw consec] אָמַר/'amar "they will say" + noun-f-s w/ d.a. אֶרֶץ/'erets "the land" + adj-a-f-s הַלְזוּ/hallezu "this" + verb--niph-part-f-s שָׁמֵם/shamem "desolate/laid waste" + verb-qal-perf-3rd-f-s הָיָה/hayah "it has become" + prep. כ/K "like" + noun-f-s const. גַּן/gan "garden of..." + proper noun עֵדֶן/'eden "Eden" + conj. ו/w "and" + noun-f-pl w/ d.a. עִיר 'iyr "the cities" + adj-f-pl w/ d.a. חָרָב/chareb "the wasted" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-niph-part-f-pl w/ d.a. שָׁמֵם/shamem "the desolate" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-niph-part-f-pl w/ d.a. הָרַס/haras "the ruined" + adj-f-pl בְּצוּר/batsur "fortified" + verb-qal-perf-3rd-c-pl יָשַׁב/yashab "inhabited").

VERSE THIRTY-SIX

“And the nations that remain around you will know that I, Yahweh have rebuilt the ruined places and have planted that which was desolate. I Yahweh have spoken and I will do it”.

יָדְעוּ הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁאָרוּ סְבִיבוֹתֵיכֶם כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה בְּנִיתִי
הַנְּהָרְסוֹת נָטַעְתִּי הַנְּשֻׁמָה אֲנִי יְהוָה דִּבַּרְתִּי וְעָשִׂיתִי:

(conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-3rd-c-pl יָדַע/yada' "they will know" + noun-m-pl w/ d.a. גּוֹי/goy "the nations" + rel. pron. אֲשֶׁר/'asher "which" + verb-niph-imperf-3rd-m-pl שָׁאָר/sha'ar "remain" + adv w/ suf-2nd-m-pl. סְבִיב/sabiyb "around you" + conj. כִּי/kiy "that" + pron-1st-c-s אֲנִי/'aniy "I" + proper noun יְהוָה/yhwh "Yahweh" + verb-qal-perf-1st-c-s בָּנִיתִי/banah "I have rebuilt" + verb-niph-part-f-pl w/ d.a. הָרַס/haras "the ruined things" + verb-qal-perf-1st-c-s נָטַע/nata' "I have planted" + verb-niph-part-f-s שָׁמֵם/shamem "the desolate things" + pron-1st-c-s אֲנִי/'aniy "I" + proper noun יְהוָה/yhwh "Yahweh" + verb-piel-perf-1st-c-s דִּבַּר/dabar "I have spoken" + conj. ו/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-1st-c-s [waw consec] עָשִׂיתִי/'asah "I will do").

ANALYSIS OF VERSES 35 & 36:

1. Yahweh continues with His description of the renewed, reestablished land of Israel in the time of the end.
2. He states in verse thirty-five, **“And they will say “this land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden, and the wasted, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited”**”.
3. Such is a reference to the land of Israel in the beginning of the Millennium.
4. Previously those who passed by and saw the carnage made note of the destruction. Here those who pass by notice the beauty and stark contrast once Yahweh restores the country (cp. Ezek. 5:14; 33:28; 36:20).
5. As previously stated, the nation will undergo another series of destructions during the Tribulation (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1; Zech. 14:1, 2; Rev. 11:13ff; 12:13-17; 16:18, 19).
6. All of these events, both judgments from God as well as the attacks at the hands of the nations, will undo much of the renewal and progress that Israel has seen since the second half of the 20th century.
7. However, when the Lord returns, He is going to make all things new and will take the desolate land and make it like the Garden of Eden.
8. Such describes the sublime agriculture and horticulture that will dominate the landscape as all that was destroyed is made beautiful again.
9. Such is a great lesson for us to learn. Despite one’s evil, God is ready, willing and able to cast blessing upon the repentant sinner, regardless of how egregious the sin (Isa. 55:6-13).
10. While the curse is not completely removed in the Millennium, much of it is and the earth seems to be restored to a similar condition as existed in the original paradise God provided for man (cp Isa. 51:3).
11. The imagery then shifts to the urban centers as the cities which previously had a three-fold description of “wasted, desolate and ruined” are now said to be “fortified and inhabited”.
12. He continues in verse thirty-six where He states **“And the nations that remain around you will know that I, Yahweh have rebuilt the ruined places and have planted that which was desolate...”**
13. Note that it the nations “that remain” who are in view to say these things.
14. Our word for remain is the niphal, imperfect verb, שָׁאַר/sha’ar, “to remain, be left over, left behind, survive”.
15. It is used in the reference to those of the nations that are still on the earth, having survived the Tribulation and enter into the Millennium.
16. In other words, these are the gentile believers in the vicinity who have survived the Tribulation and see the stark contrast in Israel’s appearance (Matt. 25:31-37).
17. Such ones will know that God has rebuilt Israel into the premier nation of the Millennium (cp. Jer. 33:9).
18. Yahweh next declares that this is going to happen, simply because He says it is going to happen.
19. He states in the final clause, **“...I Yahweh have spoken and I will do it”**.
20. The simple fact that God utters it is proof enough that it is going to happen (cp. Num. 23:19; Lev. 26:40-45).

EXEGESIS OF VERSES 37 & 38:

VERSE THIRTY-SEVEN

“Thus says Adonay Yahweh, ‘I will also let the house of Israel inquire of me to do this for them. I will increase their men like the flock’”.

כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה עוֹד זֹאת אֶדְרֹשׁ לְבַיַּת־יִשְׂרָאֵל לַעֲשׂוֹת
לָהֶם אֲרִבָּה אֹתָם כַּצֹּאֵן אָדָם

(adv. כֹּה/koh "thus" + verb-qal-imperf-3rd-m-s אָמַר/'amar "says" + proper noun אֲדֹנָי/adonay יהוה/yhwh "Adonay Yahweh" + adv. עוֹד/'od "additionally" + adj-f-s זֹאת/zo'th "this" + verb-niph-imperf-1st-c-s דְרַשׁ/darash "I will be sought" + prep. ל/L "by" + noun-m-s const. בַּיַּת /bayith "house of..." + proper noun יִשְׂרָאֵל /yis'ra'el "Israel" + prep. ל/L "to" + verb-qal-inf. const. עָשָׂה /'asah "do" + prep. w/ suf-3rd-m-pl לָל/L "for them" + verb-hiph-imperf-1st-c-s רָבָה/rabah "I will make great" + sign. d.o. אֵת/'eth [untranslated] + prep. כַּ/K "like" + noun-f-s w/ d.a. צֹאֵן /tso'n "the flock" + noun-m-s אָדָם/'adam "man").

VERSE THIRTY-EIGHT

“Like a flock of holy sacrifice, like a flock of Jerusalem on an appointed feast, thus will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men and they will know that I am Yahweh”.

צֹאֵן קִדְשִׁים כַּצֹּאֵן יְרוּשָׁלַם בְּמוֹעֲדֶיהָ כֵּן תִּהְיֶינָה הָעָרִים
הַחֲרוּבוֹת מְלֵאוֹת צֹאֵן אָדָם וַיֵּדְעוּ כִּי־אֲנִי יְהוִה

(prep. כַּ/K "like" + noun-f-s const. צֹאֵן /tso'n "flock of..." + noun-m-pl קִדְשִׁים/qodesh "holiness/sacredness" + prep. כַּ/K "like" + noun-f-s const. צֹאֵן /tso'n "flock of..." + proper noun יְרוּשָׁלַם /y'rushalam "Jerusalem" + prep. בַּ/B "in" + noun-m-pl w/ suf-3rd-f-s בְּמוֹעֵד /mo'ed "appointed time" + adv. כֵּן /ken "thus" + verb-qal-imperf-3rd-f-pl הָיָה /hayah "they will be" + noun-f-pl w/ d.a. עָרִים /'iyr "the cities" + adj-f-pl w/ d.a. חֲרוּב /chareb "the ruined" + adj-f-pl מְלֵא /male' "filled" + noun-f-s const. צֹאֵן /tso'n "flock of..." + noun-m-s אָדָם /'adam "man" + conj. וַ/w "and" + verb-qal-perf-3rd-c-pl יָדָע /yada' "they will know" + conj. כִּי /kiy "that" + pron-1st-c-s אֲנִי /'aniy "I" + to be verb [supplied] "am" + proper noun יהוה/yhwh "Yahweh").

ANALYSIS OF VERSES 37 & 38:

1. Yahweh wraps up His list of promises of what He will accomplish in Israel in the last days.
2. Thus far He has promised to do the following...
 - a. Gather them from the nations (v. 24).
 - b. Cleanse them of their sins (v. 25).
 - c. Give them a new heart and a new spirit (v. 26).
 - d. Give the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit (v. 27).
 - e. Reestablish them as God's people (v. 28).
 - f. Establish phenomenal agricultural production (v. 30).
 - g. Reestablishment of the land similar to Eden with cities rebuilt and fortified and the waste places restored (v. 33-35).
 - h. Recognition by the nations that God has restored the nation (v. 36).
3. He has one more aspect to bring out which will describe the nation's character, that of her increased population.
4. He states in verse thirty-seven, **“Thus says Adonay Yahweh, ‘I will also let the house of Israel inquire of me to do this for them. I will increase their men like the flock’”**.
5. Note the way that God phrases this. He does not merely state that He will do so, but that He will avail Himself to them and increase their population at the point that they ask Him to do so.
6. Note that prior to this, God was not willing to allow people to inquire of Him due to their –V and OSN activity that they refused to repent of (cp. Ezek. 14:3ff; 20:3ff).
7. However in the Millennium, God will not only allow them to inquire of Him, He will respond as well.
8. Sometimes God wants us to seek Him in prayer and request things prior to His doing things for us (Luke 11:13).
9. The reason He does this is because He desires us to have a certain amount of spiritual growth to recognize that certain things are important therefore worthy of requesting them before the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16; I John 5:14).
10. Adjusted believers see the importance of having a high birth rate and population so as to inhabit the land.
11. We are starting to see the negative consequences of what occurs due to our own nation experiencing population decline.
12. Note that He states that He will increase men like “the flock”.
13. In other words, there will be a great abundance of people in Israel.
14. A large, robust population was promised in both the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants (Ge. 17:2; Lev. 26:9).
15. He continues in verse thirty-seven giving two similes that describe the size and extent of the population boom.
16. There He states that they will be **“Like a flock of holy sacrifice, like a flock of Jerusalem on an appointed feast, thus will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men and they will know that I am Yahweh”**.
17. Our word translated as “flock” is the feminine, singular noun, תֹּשֶׁבֶת/tso'n, “flock, sheep”. The emphasis is on small cattle and may thus extend to goats as well.
18. It is used in the construct state with the masculine, plural noun, שְׂדֵדִים/qodesh, “holy, set apart”.

19. The scene describes a large flock of sheep that have been set apart to Yahweh and are destined to be sacrificed at temple for a sin offering, trespass offering, redemption of the first born, etc.
20. He further describes the population of men like a flock on an appointed feast day (Exo. 23:17; 34:23; Deut. 16:16; II Chron. 20:31; 35:7).
21. The picture is one where every family in Israel (and the Diaspora) is represented in Jerusalem in one of the major feast days and droves of animals are present for sacrifices.
22. Having grown up in a priestly family, Ezekiel would have been quite familiar with such scenes (cp. Ezekiel 1:3).
23. Such describes the droves of people that will fill the nation in the Millennium.
24. The population boom will be driven by several things...
 - a. High birth rate (Ezek 36:11; 47:22; Zech. 8:5).
 - b. Low infant mortality (Isa. 65:20).
 - c. No more war (Isa. 2:4).
 - d. The curse being reduced (Isa. 11:6-9).
 - e. Longevity of life (Isa. 65:20).

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