**Faith Foundations 2023-2024**

**The Book of Ezekiel**

**Session 22—Ezekiel 35-36**

**In the previous chapter of Ezekiel, God began His oracles of grace toward His people of Israel, declaring that He would remove their unfaithful leaders and shepherd them Himself instead. In these next two chapters, God continues His gracious words to His people, while at the same time contrasting His mercy toward them with His judgment toward another nation that had fought against Israel. As we have seen earlier, God’s love for His people often manifests itself in wrath against their enemies, and that is certainly the case in these chapters.**

**1.) Read Ezekiel 35:1-9. Against what did God order Ezekiel to prophesy? Where is this place, and what nation does it represent?**

**2.) What did God proclaim He would do to this place? Why would He do these things?**

**3.) Read Ezekiel 35:10-15. What did the enemy nation seek to do to Israel? Why?**

**4.) According to verse 10, where was God in all of this? Why is this significant?**

**5.) How were the enemy nation’s attacks against Israel also attacks against Israel’s God?**

**6.) How would the enemy nation’s fate mirror that of Israel?**

**7.) Read Ezekiel 36:1-7. What had the other nations been saying about Israel? What had they done to Israel?**

**8.) How has Israel’s treatment by the other nations become an occasion for gracious words from God to His people?**

**9.) How has God’s judgment against Edom served as a comfort to His own people?**

**10.) Read Ezekiel 36:8-15. What does God promise to do for His people of Israel?**

**11.) What does God promise to do for the land of Israel itself?**

**12.) How would God reveal the other nations’ claims about the land of Israel to be lies?**

**13.) Read Ezekiel 36:16-21. How does God describe the ways of the Israelites before their exile? What metaphor does He use to illustrate this point?**

**14.) What had God done to Israel as punishment for its deeds?**

**15.) How was God’s holy name profaned indirectly by Israel in this situation? What did the other nations think of Israel’s God?**

**16.) Read Ezekiel 36:22-27. According to verse 22, why was God about to show grace to Israel? Why would this particular concern motivate God to be gracious to His people?**

**17.) How would God’s grace toward Israel vindicate the holiness of His name and demonstrate to the nations that He was the true God?**

**18.) According to verse 24, what would God do for His people?**

**19.) How does God describe what He will do for His people in verses 25-27?**

**20.) Read Romans 6:3-4, Galatians 3:27, Titus 3:4-7, and 1 Peter 3:18-22. How do these verses show how the prophecies of Ezekiel 36:25 are fulfilled in Jesus Christ?**

**21.) Read Romans 10:9-10, 2 Corinthians 3:1-3, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Galatians 4:6-7, and 2 Timothy 2:22. How do these verses show how the prophecies of Ezekiel 36:26-27 are fulfilled in Jesus Christ?**

**22.) Read Ezekiel 36:28-32. What does God promise to the Israelites in this passage?**

**23.) What will God’s grace cause Israel to think and remember about itself? Why?**

**24.) Read Ezekiel 36:33-38. What will God do to the land of Israel? To what will this action cause people to compare the land?**

**25.) According to verses 37-38, what will God do for the people of Israel themselves?**

**26.) Read Revelation 21:1-4 and Revelation 22:1-5. How will the promises of Ezekiel 36:33-36 be ultimately fulfilled on the last day?**

**In promising grace and restoration to His people of Israel, God was also promising the same for all people who would believe in Him and in His Son Jesus Christ. Since the Christian Church is the new Israel in these last days, everything that God promises His people in the Old Testament applies to Christians as well, in an even more powerful way. Whereas the ethnic nation of Israel was restored to their physical land, we Christians will be granted eternal life in God’s new heaven and earth. And whereas the Israelites saw their earthly enemies (such as Edom) defeated, we Christians will see our spiritual enemies of sin, death, and the devil thrown into the lake of fire forever. God will conquer all things that threaten us and give us eternal protection from their attacks. He did this for His people in their earthly lives, and He will do it for us in our eternal lives as well!**