

Lent Devotion for Monday, March 20

Ezekiel 36:33-38

MULTIPLY YOUR REQUESTS

Ezekiel 36:37 (NIV)...*This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Once again I will yield to Israel's plea and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep,*

This prophecy is the end of the second prophecies given in this chapter. Israel is returning to the promised land after being exiled. In Ezekiel 36, verses 33-38, God tells his people through the prophet Ezekiel that he will answer their pleas for restoration. He will rebuild their cities and turn wasteland so fruitful it will be like the Garden of Eden. And he will do this so that the nations around them will know *“that I the Lord have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate.”* I love you, Lord! I do! I just had such a revelation from this scripture- and it ties into John 3:16. God answered the prayers of the children of Israel in such a spectacular way that not only the children of Israel will know that he exists, but that the other nations who have other Gods will also know! That's him loving the world. Proving to them that there is a God. A good God, who takes care of his children who restores their broken places. When God multiplies you in whatever area you have been praying, remember it's not just for you. It's also for them- them your neighbor. Your co-worker. Those who know you believe but aren't sure. They aren't sure because all they have seen for a while is your desolation, but God is getting ready to show you and them that he is real, and that he takes care of his children. Your blessings- numerous as they will be, will be a sign to your “viewers,” so, make sure you give God the credit.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I thank you in advance for the blessings that will come when you answer my prayers. And I will be sure to give your name, YOUR name the praise. In Jesus' Name...Amen.