

Lent Devotion for Wednesday, March 22

Ezekiel 36:1-12

MULTIPLY YOUR BELIEF IN GOD

Ezekiel 36:11(ESV)...*And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.*

Ezekiel, God's prophet, is communicating with the tribe of Israel while they are in exile in Babylon. At this point in time the people of Israel had been captured and taken to Babylon as exiles by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel was given the word of the Lord to give a prophecy of hope for the land of Israel and its people, after the recent judgement that God allowed to come against Israel for their disobedience to Him.

Ezekiel reminds Israel that the land they were taken from, will soon be reinhabited by its people once more, and they will soon come home from their punishment in exile (Ezek. 36:8). God will bring home Israel to its promised inheritance. And in that glorious return God will cause the land to produce and multiply all the good things needed for the people to multiply and nourish as well.

The message for God's people is, no matter what you have done, the circumstances, pain, and/or discomfort, do not become so disillusioned that you believe God has forgotten you. Constantly be encouraged that the promise He has given you and His people will always be assured. As you go throughout your day and week, I encourage you to meditate, pray, and believe in the plan God has for your life and know that He will accomplish His perfect will in your imperfect life.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the cross of Calvary. Thank you for Your shed blood that has set us free so that we can be new. Thank you for being gracious, merciful, and faithful to us. All that you have done in your Word and in my life solidifies my belief in you and confirms that You are LORD of Lords and KING of Kings. Thank you for saving me from sin and for forgiving me from my known and unknown sins. You are my peace, my joy, and my strength. I pray this prayer in Jesus' Name...Amen.