Ezekiel 35

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it,
3 and say to it, Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you; I will stretch out My hand against you, And make you most desolate;
4 I shall lay your cities waste. And you shall be desolate. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.
5 Because you have had an ancient hatred and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end,
6 therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.
7 Thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it the one who leaves and the one who returns.
8 And I will fill its mountains with the slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those who are slain by the sword shall fall.
9 I will make you perpetually desolate, and your cities shall be uninhabited; then you shall know that I am the LORD.
10 Because you have said, 'These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess them,' although the LORD was there,
11 therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will do according to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.
12 Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.'
13 Thus with your mouth you have boasted against Me and multiplied your words against Me; I have heard them."
14 Thus says the Lord GOD: "The whole earth will rejoice when I make you desolate.
15 As you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom--all of it! Then they shall know that I am the LORD."

KEY DATES

1917: The Balfour Declaration: Promised Palestine as a Homeland for the Jewish people
1920: League of Nations designates Palestine as a Homeland for the Jewish People
1922: Britain gave 77% of it to the Arabs, calling it Transjordan
1929: British White Paper
1947: UN votes to create a Jewish state
1948: Israel becomes a State - May 15 (Isaiah 66:8-10)
1956: Suez War
1967: 6-Day War - Israel captured West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, Sinai Peninsula
1973: Yom Kippur War - North and South
1991: Iraq launches scuds - 39 missiles—5000 homes - 2 people killed

The LORD:

Chose a people
Promised them a land
Let them fall into slavery in Egypt
Brought them out of Egypt
Resettled them in their land
Exiled them from their land
Scattered them over the face of the earth
Promised to bring them back into the Land
Promised to make the desert bloom
Is bringing Jewish people home today
Is making the desert bloom
Is settling Jewish people in the Land including the West Bank

WHY? Repeated 59 times in Ezekiel:
THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM the LORD

Israel and the Land

British Occupied area called... PALESTINE

Jewish Homeland (authorized by the League of Nations 1920)

1920: League of Nations

Jews were allowed to settle ONLY here after 1922

TRANSJORDAN (Arab Palestinian area)

Jews NOT ALLOWED to settle here after 1922

ARAB PALESTINIAN AREA (authorized by the occupying British 1922)

ISRAEL (Jewish Homeland)

1922: Transjordan Established

JORDAN (Arab Palestinian State)

Arab leaders want to rule both of these nations.
Israel and the Land

Point #1:
The West Bank and the Mountains of the Lord are nearly identical.

Point #2:
Mount Seir was the home of Esau who was called Edom.

Point #3:
Today people living in the area once known as Edom are called Arabs, Jordanians and/or Palestinians.

The Promise of the LORD in Ezekiel 36

I have raised My hand in an oath...
I will turn to you...
I will multiply men...
I will make you inhabited...
I will cause men to walk on you...
I had concern for my Holy name...
I will sanctify...
I will take you...
I will sprinkle...
I will cleanse...
I will give...
I will put...
I will deliver you..
I will call for the grain and multiply it...
I will multiply the fruit...
I do this...
I will increase their men like a flock...
I, the LORD, have spoken it..
I will do it...

1967: After the 6-Day War
Ezekiel 36

1. And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD!'

2. Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,'"

3. therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people"—

4. therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—

5. therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with whole-hearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country."

6. Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations."'

7. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.

8. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.

9. For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

10. I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

11. I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

12. Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of their children."

13. Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because they say to you, 'You devour men and bereave your nation of children,'

14. therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore," says the Lord GOD.

15. Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples any more, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore," says the Lord GOD.

16. Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity.
Israel and the Land

The Promise of the Land [from the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates]

God's Promise: Genesis 15:8-9, 15:17

Punishment = Scattering Among the Nations, BUT the Promise was NEVER Revoked
Ezekiel 36:19-24; Leviticus 26:44-45; Romans 11:29; Jeremiah 31:35-37

Regathering
Ezekiel 11:17

The Land is the LORD's
Leviticus 25:23; Ezekiel 36:5 (My Land)

God has promised to resettle the Jews in the land: particularly in the Mountains of the LORD

It is the LORD's intention that Israel should possess the Mountains of the LORD
Ezekiel 36:8, 10-12, 22-23
Jeremiah 31:5
Zechariah 2:4

The Promise of the LORD to the Mountains of Israel: [Ezekiel 36:8-12]

Israel will return
You will shoot forth branches and yield fruit
You will be tilled and sown
I will multiply the house of Israel on you
The cities will be inhabited
The ruins will be rebuilt
Israel will possess you