

<sup>16</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

<sup>17</sup> “Son of man, when the house of Israel was living on their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. <sup>18</sup> Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols. <sup>19</sup> I also scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them. <sup>20</sup> When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, ‘These are the people of the Lord, yet they have left His land.’ <sup>21</sup> But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Lord God says: “It is not for your sake, house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord,” declares the Lord God, “when I show Myself holy among you in their sight. <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the lands; and I will bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put My Spirit within you and bring it about that you walk in My statutes, and are careful and follow My ordinances. <sup>28</sup> And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you. <sup>30</sup> Instead, I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your wrongdoings and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> I am not doing this for your sake,” declares the Lord God; “let that be known to you. Be ashamed and humiliated for your ways, house of Israel!”

<sup>33</sup> ‘This is what the Lord God says: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your wrongdoings, I will populate the cities, and the places of ruins will be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup> The desolated land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by. <sup>35</sup> And they will say, ‘This desolated land has become like the Garden of Eden; and the waste, desolated and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.’ <sup>36</sup> Then the nations around you that are left will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolated; I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.”

<sup>37</sup> ‘This is what the Lord God says: “This too I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their people like a flock. <sup>38</sup> Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during

her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the Lord.”””

<sup>37.1</sup> The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He had me pass among them all around, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> Then He said to me,

“Son of man, can these bones live?”

And I answered,

“Lord God, You Yourself know.”

<sup>4</sup> Again He said to me,

“Prophesy over these bones and say to them, ‘You dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’ <sup>5</sup> This is what the Lord God says to these bones: ‘Behold, I am going to make breath enter you so that you may come to life. <sup>6</sup> And I will attach tendons to you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so that you may come to life; and you will know that I am the Lord.’”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a loud noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, tendons were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then He said to me,

“Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘The Lord God says this: “Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, so that they come to life.””

<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then He said to me,

“Son of man, these bones are the entire house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord God says: “Behold, I am going to open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,” declares the Lord.’”