Ezek 36 WHO ARE THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL?

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- 1. PRECIOUS to the Lord He cares enough to speak into the situation.
- 2. HAVE BECOME POSSESSED by the enemy after being ravaged and hounded, and the object of malicious talk and slander.
- 3. HAVE LOST THEIR STATUS in society and among the nations as GOD'S PLACE, and suffered scorn.

The Lord prophesies (through Ezekiel):

- a) will bear fruit
- b) have favour
- c) will multiply
- d) will be settled
- e) will be prosperous

Q? Why did the mountains lose all this?

The people defiled it by their conduct and their actions – their personal lives and how these outworked in their society.

THEY WERE CALLED TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS!

Q? How was GOD to show Himself HOLY through them?

- "I will cleanse you from all your uncleannesses"
- "I will cleanse you from the effects of your idolatry"
- "I will give you a new heart"
- "I will put a new spirit in you"
- "I will remove your heart of stone"
- "I will put MY SPIRIT in you"

This prophecy was <u>first</u> fulfilled when JESUS came and made the way to approach, have access to GOD through His Blood shed for our sin. It is now possible to have the HOLY SPIRIT, GOD'S Spirit, <u>within</u> us. The <u>present</u> mountain of the Lord is the <u>church</u>.

Pastors, make sure all your people have repented, had their hearts of stone removed and are FILLED continually with GOD'S SPIRIT.