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Ezekiel 36:16-28

The Lord said to His people, "I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them" (v. 23a). "Shame on you!" Do you remember how you felt when your parent, a sibling, or a playmate said this to you? God was clearly shaming Israel for their despicable behavior.

God minced no words in letting them know what their actions had done in profaning His holy name before other nations. Ezekiel 36:24-28 is packed full of what God told them He would do: He would pull them from other nations into their own land, clean them up, give them a new heart, and put His Spirit within them.

The heart of stone would become a heart that was God-willed, not self-willed. The heart of flesh would be a human, tender heart. This was not just a change in disposition, but a supernatural gift. His Spirit would change their way of thinking and make them want to obey God's laws and commands.

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