Ezekiel 36:12
וְהָוֹלַכְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם אָדָם אֶת־עַמִּי יְهوָאֵל וִיֵוֹךָ וְהָיִיתָ לָהֶם לְנַחֲלָּה וְלֹא־תוֹסִף לְַכְלָם:

Ezekiel 36:13-14
הֲפַה אֶ-_אמֶר אֲדֹנֵי יְהוֹה יַאָעַן אֹמְס לָהֶם כֶּום אֶ_אכֶל אָדֶם (אָתִית) וְגָ_יִ_כְּכֶל (גּוֹיִ_כְּכֶל) [גּוֹיָה] [גּוֹיָה] [גּוֹיָה]
כִֹ_ה אֲדֹנָי לֹא־תָ_אכְלִי עָוֹד (גּוֹיָה) לָ_אכַ_ֶל (הָ___כְּכֶל) [גּוֹיָה] [גּוֹיָה]
נָאָם אֲדֹנִי יְהוֹה:

Ezekiel 36:15
וְלֹא־אִשְ_ֶבֶת אָלֵ_כָ_לָּה קלָם [גּוֹיָה] [גּוֹיָה] [גּוֹיָה]
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Did the ‘land’ never again bereave of children?

Ezekiel 36:13-14

Never again consume men?

No more ignominy?

No more reproach?

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Persecution of the Jews
20 After subduing Egypt, Antiochus returned in the one hundred forty-third year. He went up against Israel and came to Jerusalem with a strong force. 21 He arrogantly entered the sanctuary and took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils. 22 He took also the table for the bread of the Presence, the cups for drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the curtain, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple; he stripped it all off. 23 He took the silver and the gold, and the costly vessels; he took also the hidden treasures that he found. 24 Taking them all, he went into his own land.

He shed much blood, and spoke with great arrogance. 25 Israel mourned deeply in every community, rulers and elders groaned, young women and young men became faint, the beauty of the women faded. 26 Every bridegroom took up the lament; she who sat in the bridal chamber was mourning. 27 Even the land trembled for its inhabitants, and all the house of Jacob was clothed with shame.

The Occupation of Jerusalem
29 Two years later the king sent to the cities of Judah a chief collector of tribute, and he came to Jerusalem with a large force. 30 Deceitfully he spoke peaceable words to them, and they believed him; but he suddenly fell upon the city, dealt it a severe blow, and destroyed many people of Israel. 31 He plundered the city, burned it with fire, and tore down its houses and its surrounding walls. 32 They took captive the women and children, and seized the livestock. 33 Then they fortified the city of David with a great strong wall and strong towers, and it became their with a great strong wall and strong towers, and it became their citadel. 34 They stationed there a sinful people, men who were renegades. These strengthened their position; 35 they stored up arms and food, and collecting the spoils of Jerusalem they stored them there, and became a great menace, 36 for the citadel became an ambush against the sanctuary, an evil adversary of Israel at all times. 37 On every side of the sanctuary they shed innocent blood; they even defiled the sanctuary. 38 Because of them the residents of Jerusalem fled; she became a dwelling of strangers; she became strange to her offspring, and her children forsook her. 39 Her sanctuary became desolate like a desert; her feasts were turned into mourning, her sabbaths into a reproach, her honor into contempt. 40 Her dishonor now grew as great as her glory; her exaltation was turned into mourning.

Installation of Gentile Cults
41 Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people, 42 and that all should give up their particular customs. 43 All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king. Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the sabbath. 44 And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the towns of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land, to forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary, to profane sabbaths and festivals, to defile the sanctuary and the priests, to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and other unclean animals, and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to
make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane, so that they would forget the law and change all the ordinances. He added, “And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die.”

In such words he wrote to his whole kingdom. He appointed inspectors over all the people and commanded the towns of Judah to offer sacrifice, town by town. Many of the people, everyone who forsook the law, joined them, and they did evil in the land; they drove Israel into hiding in every place of refuge they had.

Now on the fifteenth day of Chislev, in the one hundred forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege on the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding towns of Judah, and offered incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. The books of the law that they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire. Anyone found possessing the book of the covenant, or anyone who adhered to the law, was condemned to death by decree of the king. They kept using violence against Israel, against those who were found month after month in the towns. On the twenty-fifth day of the month they offered sacrifice on the altar that was on top of the altar of burnt offering. According to the decree, they put to death the women who had their children circumcised, and their families and those who circumcised them; and they hung the infants from their mothers’ necks.

But many in Israel stood firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food. They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant; and they did die. Very great wrath came upon Israel.

Luke 19:41-44 (ESV)

41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."
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Key Interpretive Question:
When has this or will this or how will this be fulfilled?
Ezekiel 36:16-21

When is v. 17 & 18?

Ezekiel 36:22-24

When is v. 17 & 18?
Ezekiel 36:16-24

[Pre-586BC]

Ezekiel 36:16

You, daughters of Israel, are defiled because of your ways and deeds. You have defiled the land with idols, shed blood, and defiled the land. For I am the Lord your God. [Pre-586BC]

Ezekiel 36:22

I am the Lord your God. I will take you out of the nations, gather you from the peoples, and bring you into your own land. [Pre-586BC]
Ezekiel 36:16-21

When is this?

defiled the land
ways and deeds
shed blood
defiled the land with idols
scattered among the nations
dispersed among the lands

When is this?
Ezekiel 36:16-24

[Pre-586BC]

defiled the land

ways and deeds

shed blood

defiled the land with idols

scattered among the nations

dispersed among the lands

[586-538BC Exile]

consecrated her name

began to scatter them throughout:

they scattered among the nations

dispersed among the lands

in the days of their captivity:

they have multiplied their offenses

and have transgressed the covenant:

and went after other gods:

Ezekiel 36:22-24
Ezekiel 36:16-21

"And now, says the Lord, I am coming to do among you all the works which I have spoken to you concerning your fathers. In your ways and in your deeds you have walked before Me, scattered among the nations, dispersed among the peoples. In your defilements and in your ways you have defiled the land with idols, shed blood, and practiced the uncleanness of things profane. I caused you to be led away beyond My桥梁, and I spoke to you and you did not hear, and I warned you and you did not observe. I struck you again and again, yet you did not return to Me. Therefore I spurned you in My桥梁 and I said, 'I will gather you, bring you to the place of My桥梁, and I will cause you to enter the land which your fathers entered, and you shall know that My桥梁 is among you, O house of Israel, declares the Lord. And you shall know that I have not done these things for nothing, but to show you My power, so that you may know that I am the Lord.'"

[Pre-586BC]

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ways and deeds

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dispersed among the lands

[586-538BC Exile]

ways and deeds
Ezekiel 36:16-21

When is this?

[BCE 586-538]

[Pre-586BC]

Ezekiel 36:22-24

When is this?
Ezekiel 36:16-21

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God will defend his reputation

[ Pre-586BC ]

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When is this?

profaned God’s name by being in exile

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ways and deeds
Ezekiel 36:16-21

The Lord spoke to me, saying:

The house of Israel defiled the land by their ways and deeds, scattering among the nations and dispersing among the lands. God profaned his name by being in exile. But God will defend his reputation.

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[586-538BC Exile]

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ways and deeds

[586-538BC Exile]

inclusio / chiasmus

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God will defend his reputation
Ezekiel 36:16-21

 előtte bejárt a szülőhöz, hogy újra éhezzék a földön.

 Ezért játszottak a fiadom házával a földön.

 Bizonyítottál, hogy nem értem, hogy mire vásároljátok a földön.

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When is this?
Ezekiel 36:16-21

The Lord spoke to me saying:

[Pre-586BC]

You Israelites sinned against me and defiled the land with your ways and deeds. You shed blood, defiled the land with idols, scattered among the nations, dispersed among the lands.

[586-538BC Exile]

I will defend my name, profaned in exile.

Ezekiel 36:22-24

I will vitally rebuild you, restore your people, and restore your land. I will also remove the stains of your ways and deeds, shed blood, defiled the land with idols, scattered among the nations, dispersed among the lands.
Ezekiel 36:16-24

When is this?
Ezekiel 36:16-21

God's words to the prophet Ezekiel:

The land shall be defiled with their ways and deeds, with bloodshed and idols.

When is this?

[586-538BC Exile]

The land was profaned by being in exile, with God's name defiled.

God will defend his reputation and his name.

[586-538BC Exile]

The land was defiled with bloodshed and idols, scattered among the nations.

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God's name was defiled by being in exile, with the land profaned.

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Ezekiel 36:16-24

This verse describes God's plan to restore Israel after they had defiled the land, shed blood, and spread idolatry among the nations. God promises to cleanse and sanctify the land, and the people will live in peace and unity with his presence. The verse highlights themes of redemption, repentance, and the covenantal relationship between God and his people.

Key elements:
- Defiling the land
- Shedding blood
- Scattering among the nations
- Profaning God's name
- Cleansing and sanctifying the land
- Restoring the people to the land
- Living in peace and unity

The verse is part of a larger context in Ezekiel's prophetic ministry, addressing the consequences of Israel's exile and God's subsequent action to restore them.
How could Ezekiel 36:16-24 NOT be speaking of the Zerub/Ezra/Neh return in vv. 16-24?
Ezekiel 36:25

When is this?
Ezekiel 36:25

When is this?

Ezekiel 36:17-18

When is this?

compare
Ezekiel 36:17-18

When is this?

This is why they went into exile.

Ezekiel 36:25

Compare

The reason they went into exile is because they were unclean and refused to listen to my commands.

Ezekiel 36:25

This is why they went into exile.

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So when is this cleansing?
• Under Ezra/Nehemiah?
• During Antiochus IV’s persecutions?
• Under John the Baptist’s ministry?
• Jesus’ ministry?
• During a future millennium?

From what I understand, after the Babylonian exile the Jews are known to NOT be idolatrous people. It’s the Gentiles who have idols.
יְנַתַּתִּי לָכֶם לֶב חָדָו
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וִּהְיִִּּ֤יתֶם לִיֶ֙ לְעָום
וְאָָ֣נֹכִּי אֶהְיִ֥ה לָכֶ֖ם לְאֵלֹהִּים

When is this?
Ezekiel 36:26
When is this?

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“new heart”

“new spirit”

“heart of flesh”

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“my Spirit”

“walk/statutes”

“keep/jdgmts”

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What other passage does this sound like?
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It seems that Ezekiel 36:26 (new heart/new spirit) or at least Ezekiel 36:27 (my Spirit/cause to walk in my ways/keep my judgments) is fulfilled in the NT in the new covenant. And yet Feinberg, who points to Jeremiah as a parallel passage, says of Ezekiel 36:27, “This is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Israel in the future, not that at Pentecost” (Feinberg, p 209)*!?!
Ezekiel 36:26

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**So what do you think about v. 26/27? Ezra, Pentecost, millennium?**

Note also v. 28 and the rest of the chapter. Lots about the land, fruitfulness, population growth as well as repentance and holy living. Verse 33 is key. Is it going back to verse 25 and Ezra/Neh time? Verse 33 is an awkward fit for the 20th century return to the land.