

## The Gospel according to Ezekiel

### Ezekiel 11:14–21

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#### A. Introduction: Ezekiel 11:14–21 as a Geological Erratic

#### B. Exposition

##### 1. The Preamble (v. 14)

<sup>14</sup>The following message of YHWH came to me: <sup>15</sup>Human, all of your brothers, your kinsmen, even the entire house of Israel, are the ones of whom the residents of Jerusalem have said,

Responsibilities of the Kinsman-Redeemer in Ancient Israel

- a. Purchase a relative's kinsman's freedom by paying a ransom fee (Lev 25:47–55).
- b. Purchase family property that had passed to someone outside the family (Lev 25:23–34; Ruth 4:1–9).
- c. Marry a near relative's widow for the purpose of preserving his lineage (Ruth 3:6–13).
- d. Avenge the death of a near kinsmen by seeking the blood of the criminal (Num 35:19–28).

##### 2. The Thesis (v. 15b)

*“They are far away from YHWH. It is ours. The land has been given [to us] as a possession.”*

##### 3. The Refutation (11:16)

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, say, “Thus has the Lord YHWH declared, ‘I have indeed driven them away among the nations; and I have indeed scattered them among the countries. Nevertheless, I have become their sanctuary in small measure in the lands to which they have come.’”

##### 4. The Counter-Thesis (11:17–20)

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, say, “Thus has the Lord YHWH declared, ‘I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you from the countries, in which you have been dispersed, and I will grant to you the land of Israel. <sup>18</sup>When they arrive there they will remove all its detestable and abominable things from it. <sup>19</sup>Then I will give them a single heart, and a new spirit I will place within them. I will remove the stony heart from their body, and give to them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup>in order that they might follow my ordinances and keep my judgments and execute them. Then they will become my people, and I will become their God.’”

**a. The New Exodus (v. 17)**

11:16

I drove them out among the nations;  
And I scattered them among the lands.

11:17

I will gather you from the peoples;  
And I will assemble you from the lands.

**b. The New Land (v. 18)****c. The New Covenant (vv. 19–20)**

(1) The Nature of the Divine Surgery (v. 19)

(2) The Effect of the Divine Surgery (v. 20a)

(3) The Goal of the Divine Surgery (v. 20b)

**5. Epilogue**

*<sup>21</sup>But as for those whose heart is committed to their detestable and abominable things—I will bring their conduct down upon their own heads.”*

*The declaration of the Lord YHWH.*

**C. Theological and Practical Lessons**

1. Those who occupy positions of authority must beware of the tendency of power to corrupt.
2. There have always been two Israel's—physical Israel descended from Abraham and spiritual Israel, who had the faith of Abraham
3. Spiritual renewal is achieved, not by human effort, but by a transforming act of God.
4. YHWH is always faithful to his covenant commitments.