

# God Will Do All He Promises

## International Bible Lesson

### Ezekiel 34:23-31

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*“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing”* (Ezekiel 34:26—KJV).

*“I will bless them and let them live around my sacred hill. There I will bless them with showers of rain when they need it”* (Ezekiel 34:26—GNB).

*“I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing”* (Ezekiel 34:26—NRSV).

Many gracious promises of God seem to apply only to the kingdom of Israel, but Jesus the Messiah announced and demonstrated that God’s people included Jews and Gentiles. The Apostle Peter included everyone when he wrote, “Christ also suffered for sins once for all” (1 Peter 3:18). The Book of Revelation reports that the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross was in behalf of “saints from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). Ever since Jesus came and died for all, millions of people around the world have accepted Jesus the Messiah as their Lord and Savior, and they have experienced the showers of blessing that God promised. God has sent rain upon His people in season, and their fields have yielded fruit in abundance. God has freed millions from bitter oppression, though perhaps millions more around the world still need freedom from their slaveholders. Millions have experienced the showers of blessing God has sent to those who trust Him, for God declared, “The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them” (Ezekiel 34:27).

Believers still await the complete fulfillment of Ezekiel’s prophecy. Someday, Jesus will return as the messianic king. Jesus will rule the kingdom of Israel. God will send showers of blessing upon the Promised Land, and Jesus will fulfill all of God’s promises.  
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## Thinking Further

1. If you had been with God’s people in exile in Babylon, or if you feel as though you are in some type of exile today, what is one truth that you would like to learn from God?
2. Today, how and where can you find the assurance of the truth you would like to learn from God? [The one truth that was your answer to Question 1 above.]
3. Jesus the Messiah is King of the universe and Lord over all. How does it make you feel to know that He wants to be your Shepherd?
4. If you consider Jesus to be your Shepherd, what are some things you can do to show Jesus that you are one of His sheep? Why is this important for you to do?
5. How do you know that Jesus will come again and fully fulfill God’s promises through the prophet Ezekiel?

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