

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the lands,
and bring you back to your own soil.

I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean;
from all your impurities and from all your idols
I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.
I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put my spirit within you
so that you walk in my statutes,
observe my ordinances, and keep them.

The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*