

Everyone will say: This land, so recently a waste, is now like a garden, and the ruined cities once abandoned and levelled to the ground are now strongholds with people living in them.

Ezekiel 36:35d

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