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6 He will be like a shrub in the desert; he will not see when prosperity comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

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- 7 But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is Him.
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Ezekiel 36

- 25 I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
- I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols.
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