

Cleansing with Water

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This chapter showed how God continued to care for his people and work to save them from their sins. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God told his people of his plan to save them.

Reread the Proclamation statement from the Book of Ezekiel on page 243 of the Student Text and answer the questions that follow.

God's people in the Northern Kingdom (Israel) were scattered when Assyria conquered them.

In what nation were the people of the Southern Kingdom (Judah) exiled?

Babylon

Through Ezekiel's prophecy, God promised to gather his people from where they were exiled.

Where did God promise to bring his people according to Ezekiel's prophecy?

Their own land

But God had more important work than restoring his people to to their homeland. The people's sin of idolatry had separated God's people from him. In this prophecy, God revealed his plan to cleanse them with water and heal them from their true enemy—sin.

God completely fulfilled Ezekiel's prophecy when Jesus gave the Sacrament of Baptism to his Church.

How does the Sacrament of Baptism fulfill God's promises in Ezekiel's prophecy?

**In Baptism, God fulfills his promise to cleanse us from all sins
by washing us with water.**

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit fulfills God's promise to cleanse us from our idols. In other words, God gives us the grace we need to believe, hope, and love him above all else through Baptism. For example, God gives us the virtue of faith when we are baptized. With faith, we can believe in God and all his teachings. God continues to nurture and strengthen our faith so we do not fall into sin by believing in lies instead of God's truth.

How have the people or events in this chapter inspired you to grow in the virtue of faith first given to you in Baptism?

Answers may vary.
