

"Dem Bones, Dem Bones"  
Ezekiel 37

Note: This chapter is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ major sections:

vv. 1-14 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation.

vv. 15-28 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the divided nation.

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v. 1 Q. Describe what happened to Israel.

A.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord was upon him.

Note: This phrase conveys the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. It speaks of God's action \_\_\_\_\_ Israel and her enemies. (Ex. 9:3; Deut. 2:15; Judges 2:15; 1 Sam. 5:6)

Note: This phrase is used individually for:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kgs. 18:46) that empowered him to \_\_\_\_\_ a chariot.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kgs 3:15) who, while a harp was playing, prophesied for a miraculous \_\_\_\_\_ in a valley during a time of drought.

Ezekiel - (7x) describing the divine \_\_\_\_\_ upon him. (1:3; 3:14, 22; 8:1; 33:22; 37:1; 40:1) Per Rashi – a divine compulsion as if mad.

2. Ezekiel was brought out [to a place] by the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Note: We saw this in 2:2; 3:12, 14, 24; 8:3; 11:1, 24, and will see it in 43:5. It reminds us of Genesis 1:2 and the \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of the Holy Spirit from the very beginning.

3. Ezekiel was set in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a valley. [definite but undisclosed]
4. The valley was full of \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 2 Q. What did the Holy Spirit do?

A.

1. The Holy Spirit gave him an \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole valley.
2. There seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ bones. [like a massive battlefield]
3. They seemed to have been there for a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of time based on their dry properties.

v. 3 Q. What did the Lord ask and what was Ezekiel's response?

A.

1. The Lord asked Ezekiel about the \_\_\_\_\_ of these bones coming to life again.
2. Ezekiel replied, "I have \_\_\_\_\_, but the one who gives life to all does know."

v. 4 Q. What was Ezekiel called to do? [vision]

A. Ezekiel was told to \_\_\_\_\_ (divinely speak to) the bones and tell them to \_\_\_\_\_ to the word of the LORD [covenant name].

vv. 5-6 Q. What did God say he would do to these bones?

A.

a. I will make \_\_\_\_\_ enter you

b. You will come to \_\_\_\_\_

c. I will put \_\_\_\_\_ on you

a. I will make \_\_\_\_\_ enter you

b. You will come to \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The first statement reminds us of Genesis 2:7 ~ God \_\_\_\_\_  
life into Adam.

Note: The second statement reminds us of Genesis 2:7 ~ the breath of  
God brings \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: The third statement speaks of a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than an  
act of new creation. Flesh comes back upon these bones.

Note: The passage finishes with our common \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ but... for Ezekiel (you).

v. 7 Q. What happened next?

A.

1. Ezekiel \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Amid his obedience, he starts to hear rattling – bones  
\_\_\_\_\_ to other bones to form a human skeleton.

v. 8 Q. Next?

A.

1. Tendons and flesh \_\_\_\_\_ the bones.

2. But...they still were not \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Reminiscent again of Genesis 2.

v. 9 Q. What was God's subsequent command?

A.

1. Ezekiel was commanded to prophesy to the \_\_\_\_\_ – life-giving element.
2. It was to come from the \_\_\_\_\_ to bring life to that which was lifeless.

Compare:

Dan. 7:2

Dan. 8:8

Dan. 11:4

Jer. 49:36

Note: The Daniel/Jeremiah passages are important because they give us a \_\_\_\_\_ look at the same phrasing.

Zech. 2:6 [Post-exilic]

Matt. 24:31 [Tribulation]

Rev. 7:1

v. 10 Q. What was the result?

A.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ entered them.
2. They came to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They formed a vast \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Interpretation:

v. 11 Q. What is clearly being described?

A.

1. These bones are people of \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: A more accurate translation = the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel. [Heb. – Khol Beit] The idea is of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the northern and southern tribes.

2. The dry bones \_\_\_\_\_ what the people were saying.

a. We have no \_\_\_\_\_.

b. We have no \_\_\_\_\_.

c. We are \_\_\_\_\_ [from the covenant relationship with God.

v. 12 Q. What does God say to his hopeless people?

A.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ will take place.  
[out of the graves]

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ to bring them back into the Promised Land.

v. 13 Q. What is the result?

A. [Soft \_\_\_\_\_] an offering of \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 14 Q. What will God do?

A.

1. I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ in you. Cf. 36:27

2. You will be \_\_\_\_\_ alive.

3. You will \_\_\_\_\_ in the land.
4. Recognition formula of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Second division: The Reuniting of the Nation**

vv. 15-17 Q. What does God ask Ezekiel to do?

A. Provide a visual...

1. Take a stick and write, "Belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ and the Israelites connected to them.
2. Take a second stick and write, "Belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ [Ephraim] and the Israelites connected to them.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the sticks together so they are held in one hand.

vv. 18-19 Q. When the people inquired of the meaning, what was Ezekiel to say?

A. God is going to join you back together as \_\_\_\_\_ in the strength and \_\_\_\_\_ of his hand.

vv. 20-27 Q. Ezekiel is to hold the combined sticks in his hand and proclaim a series of "I wills." What are they?

- A.
- vv. 20-21
1. I will take them out of the nations where they were \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ them and bring them back into the Promised Land.
- v. 22
3. I will make them \_\_\_\_\_ nation.
  4. I will give them \_\_\_\_\_ king.

5. I will never allow them to be \_\_\_\_\_ again.
- v. 23 6. I will \_\_\_\_\_ them from their backsliding [returning to idolatry]
7. I will \_\_\_\_\_ them.
8. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the covenant relationship.
- v. 24 9. I will set \_\_\_\_\_ over them as their king. Cf. 34:23
- Note: This could be a resurrected David or \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I will give them \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd.
11. I will give them the \_\_\_\_\_ to follow my laws and decrees. [Holy Spirit]
- v. 25 12. I will give them and subsequent generations the land \_\_\_\_\_.
13. David will be their \_\_\_\_\_ [leader].
- v. 26 14. I will make an \_\_\_\_\_ of peace with them.
15. I will \_\_\_\_\_ them [make them secure].
16. I will \_\_\_\_\_ their numbers.
17. I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ among them forever. [place of worship]
- v. 27 18. I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ with them. [sanctuary]
19. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the covenant relationship. [note the reversal of verse 23].

v. 28 Q. To whom is the Recognition Formula directed and to what is it connected?

A.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Israel is set apart for divine purposes.
2. This will be \_\_\_\_\_ when God's place of worship dwells among them again.

Application Questions:

Q. How does this chapter support the fact that God alone is the one who can resurrect and restore?

A.

Q. What part of this chapter falls under "fulfilled," "partially fulfilled" or "not fulfilled?"

A.

Q. When will it all be fulfilled?

A.