Ezekiel 37

King James Version (KJV)

(This chapter uses symbolism to describe the restoration of God's people)

- **37** The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, (The bones are symbolic for people who are physically alive but spiritually dead. They are the Biblically illiterate)
- ²And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. (They have been spiritually dead for a very long time. There is no spiritual life left in them)
- ³ And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GoD, thou knowest.
- ⁴Again he said unto me, <u>Prophesy</u> upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, <u>hear the word of the LORD</u>. (<u>Prophesy-the Hebrew word also means to teach</u>)

(Teach the TRUE Word of God, not traditions of men. Bring the people back to a spiritual life with God)

⁵Thus saith the Lord GoD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause <u>breath</u> to enter into you, and ye shall live: (breath = Ruach <Hebrew> - the Holy Spirit of God, the Breath of Life)

(The breath of life will enter into those who are spiritually dead. If they are taught the truth and they listen; they can regain their spiritual life and live with God in the eternity)

⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put <u>breath</u> in you, and ye shall live; <u>and ye shall know that I am the LORD</u>. (breath = Ruach < Hebrew > - the Holy Spirit, the Breath of Life)

(God wants us to know the truth and to live in the eternity with Him)

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. (Ezekiel always obeyed God's instructions. As he taught them, people started to wake up spiritually, from their stupor)

- *And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.
- Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to <u>the wind</u>, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from <u>the four winds</u>, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. (The one wind = breath or spirit the Spirit of God)

(The 4 winds are symbolic for the end of this Age in the Books of Revelation-7 and Daniel-7. God wants the sleeping ones to be awakened before the end comes) See Revelation-7:1-3

- ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. (This could be prophetic for the 144,000 that turn back to God, after having been deceived by the antichrist)
- ¹¹Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are <u>the whole house</u> <u>of Israel</u>: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. (The 10 northern tribes)

(They think that God has left them. HE hasn't. HE is waiting for them to wake up and renounce Satan and his false doctrine. They need to repent and be forgiven)

- ¹²Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. (This is spiritually speaking God re-awakens them to His Word so they can have spiritual life. They were never lost to God)
- ¹³ And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up <u>out of your graves</u>, (Out of your spiritual death)

(There won't be any flesh people in the Millennium. The graves are symbolic for a spiritual death of the soul. The Hebrew word that is translated to hell, should be translated to the grave)

- ¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD. (On the Lord's Day the Millennium)
- ¹⁵ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

¹⁶ Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For <u>Judah</u>, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of <u>Ephraim</u> and for all the house of Israel his companions: (<u>Judah</u> – <u>Judah</u> and <u>Benjamin</u>; <u>Ephraim</u> – the 10 northern tribes)

(Today the house of Judah is back in Israel. The House of Israel <Ephraim> is spread out across Western Europe and North America. They migrated over the Caucasus Mountains and became known as Caucasians)

- ¹⁷ And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. (God will reunite the 10 northern tribes with Judah and Benjamin on the Lord's Day. They have been divided since the days of Rehoboam <king of Judah> and Jeroboam <king of Israel>, after Solomon's death)
- ¹⁸ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?
- ¹⁹ Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GoD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. (Ephraim was the largest of the 10 northern tribes; Judah was the larger of the 2 southern tribes)

NOTE: (Most people today don't know that there are 2 Houses under Jacob. They try to fit all 12 tribes into what is Israel, today. The House of Israel, or Ephraim, here, are the 10 northern tribes that migrated over the Caucasus Mountains, became know as Caucasians and settled Europe and America)

- ²⁰ And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.
- ²¹ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
- ²² And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

- ²³ Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. (One nation, under God)
- ²⁴ And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. (This is Jesus. David was a type for Jesus. Jesus came into the flesh through David's family or progeny)
- ²⁵ And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. (David is symbolic for Jesus. HE will reign forever over Israel) see Isaiah-7:14
- ²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an <u>everlasting</u> covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. (In chapter-16, God made a covenant with the land of Israel)

(Everlasting = olam <Hebrew> means from the beginning of time to the end of time; not just the future as the English word everlasting means)

NOTE: (We were created in the First Age, in spiritual bodies. This Age <the age of flesh> is only a test. When we die in the flesh, we return immediately into our spiritual bodies to await judgment. The Third Age <the eternity> will come after the great judgment day)

- ²⁷ My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- ²⁸ And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. (This is the restoration of Israel. One nation under God)