

"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.

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.