

# EZEKIEL 37 vs 1

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An outline of Ezekiel: **Chapters 1 – 24**: The Lord's prophecies against **Israel** and **Judah**; **Chapter 25**: prophecies against 4 neighbors: Ammon, Moab, Edom – east of Jordan, Philistia – the western coastline; **Chapter 26 – 28**: judgment on Tyre in Lebanon, its overthrow; a funeral song; its leader's downfall, and a funeral song for its real king, lastly judgment on Sidon. **Chapter 29 – 32**: judgment on Egypt; description of judgment; comparison to Assyria; a funeral song over Egypt. **Chapter 33**: appointing watchmen on the wall; **Chapter 34**: firing all the shepherds / the hired pastors; the LORD will do the job. **Chapter 35 - 36**: judgment begins at the household of God; but extends to the irksome neighbors; God always looks for love freely given. Much of this record – but not all was local history 2500 years ago.



**Plan B**: The last days: **Trumpets**, **Afflicting souls**, and **Tents**; 3 days that are still on the Lord's calendar. **Chapter 37** the great awakening of Joseph (led by **Ephraim** and Manasseh) when **they** along with **Judah** become one; until Jesus Messiah returns to rule with a rod of iron. **Armageddon**: **Chapter 38** Gog and Magog against Judah and Manasseh; **Chapter 39** Gog and Magog against **Ephraim** – the battle is over.

This chapter speaks to the great enmity between the more populous Northern Israel and the smaller Southern Judah; finally there will come a great awakening, and they will be one in the hand of the Lord.

**<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was on me,**

**and carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD,**

**and set me down among the valley which was full of bones / what valley? Where is this?**

**<sup>2</sup> And caused me to pass by them / to pass by the bones,**

**all around / in other words, HE made me thoroughly inspect these bones, wherever they were;**

**and, behold / pay attention, there were very many in the open valley;**

**and, lo / mark this,**

**they were very dry / why? Had they died for thirst? Without three days of water, we can start to die. And without the water of God's Word... we're as good as dead!**

**<sup>3</sup> And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live?**

**And I answered, O Lord GOD, You know.**

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<sup>4</sup> Again He said to me, Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, **hear the word of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones;

Behold / pay attention...

I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live:

<sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews on you, and will *build up* flesh on you,

and cover you with skin,

and put breath in you, and you will live;

and you will know **I am the LORD.**

Verse <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded:

and as I prophesied, there was a noise / the Hebrew word is: **kole**; it is used over 500 times in the Old Testament. It's first used in Genesis 3... when we read, *They heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.* This is already the 30<sup>th</sup> time this prophet has used this word.

In Ezekiel 1:24... 5 times that word is written: *I heard the noise of their wings ... like the noise of great waters ... as the voice of the Almighty ... the voice of speech ... as the noise of a host.*

Ezekiel says...

and as I prophesied, there was a noise / a thunderous noise; like the voice of God; and it keeps getting Ezekiel's attention,

and behold / pay attention,

a shaking / yawn! Now most people really don't believe there is a shaking... coming; because God... is a God of love! And HE is. In Hebrew, the word is: **ra'ash**. Ezekiel uses this word 10 times. In Judges we read, *The earth trembled... ra'ash*; in **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel**... *the earth shook and trembled.* In **Isaiah 13**, *I will shake the heavens, and the earth will remove... will ra'ash... from her place.* Ezekiel says, *your walls ra'ash at the noise of the horsemen.* He asks, *Will not the islands ra'ash at the sound of your fall?* And in **chapter 31**, the Lord God speaking, *I made the nations to ra'ash when I cast him down to hell* -- is that when Satan falls?



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We read, *Yet, once more, I will shake not the earth only, but also heaven* – Hebrews 12. And I bet... that will upset and overturn some people's day! Don't you think?

And we read, *Surely, in that day... there will be a great shaking in the land of Israel.* -- Ezekiel 38. And is that: Israel in the islands, and in the land of unwallled villages? not just where the House of Judah is.

When Jesus the Messiah entered Jerusalem the first time when He came to die... He shook that city; it was a seismic event. And you know, in our lifetime, God allowed some rogue CIA fools to give us a seismic event... a wake-up call on 9-11 when He shook the whole damn earth -- all the nations. But you know, I sort of wonder if some of the people in the church world... hit the snooze button. We ought to thank God because He shook us awake.

Now don't worry about everybody... but we can elbow a couple of family and friends... and tell them to stay awake! His powerful voice and mighty shaking kept Ezekiel awake! Hopefully God won't have to crank up the alarm another time! But I don't know...

Ezekiel says...

**So, I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise / a thunderous noise... like the voice of God,**

**and behold a great shaking / a seismic shaking; and there was a great awakening;**

**and the bones came together, bone to its bone.**

**<sup>8</sup> And when I beheld, lo / mark this,**

**the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them above:**

**but there was no breath in them.**

**<sup>9</sup> Then He said to me, Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, Son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord GOD:**

**Come from the four winds, O breath /** and is this the Spirit of God like we first saw in creation hovering over the earth; now hovering over this lifeless valley full of dry bones?

**and breathe on these lifeless corpses, that they may live.**

**<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them,**

**and they lived, and stood on their feet, an exceeding great army /** so, now we know where this valley... full of dry bones is located.

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**Verse <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to me, Son of man,**

**these bones are... the whole House of Israel** / well then, that is the **2 sons of Joseph** – ½ Egyptian sons... in the latter days. They are the inheritors of the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the lost 10 tribes of **ISRAEL**... along with the **2 tribes of Judah**... because the **Jewish** nation is part of ISRAEL too.

**these bones are... the whole House of Israel...**

**behold, they say** / this whole House of Israel; this **commonwealth of nations** and **great nation** at the center of the earth... that exceeding great army...

**they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost:**

**and we are cut off for our parts** / more clearly;

**we are undone... and utterly despairing** / why? Did they foolishly no longer trust in God? Did some fool order them to remove: **In God We Trust**? Well then, they will probably need to prepare for a lesson.

**Verse <sup>12</sup> So, prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD;**

**Behold** / pay attention,

**O My people, I will open your graves,**

**and cause you to come up from your graves,**

**and bring you to the land of Israel** / so this **whole House**, this **exceeding great army**... that needed to be woke up... is somewhere else. **Where?** Wherever King David was promised Israel would go to a different place; **a place of their own – 2 Samuel 7.**

**Verse <sup>13</sup> And you will know I am the LORD,**

**when I open your graves, O My people, and bring you up from your graves,**

**<sup>14</sup> And put My Spirit in you, and you live,**

**and I will place you in your own land** / and where is that place? **your own land**... for the House of Israel... the whole House of ISRAEL... where is that?

They are Rebekah's 1,000 millions. They carry with them all the nationalistic birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**then** / at that time... **you will know**

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**I the LORD... spoke it, and performed it,**

says the LORD / you know the whole House of Israel... Rebekah's 1000 millions... including the standing up of an exceeding great army.... All those people would never fit between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River.

Read the population density reports of the nations.

Once again to earlier verses...

**4 Again He said to me, Prophecy over these bones, and say to them,**

**O you dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.**

**5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones;**

**Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live:**

**6 And you will know I am the LORD.**

**14 And will put My Spirit in you, and you will live,**

**and I will place you in your own land:**

**then** / at that time of a great noise and shaking

**you will know I the LORD... spoke it, and performed it, says the LORD.**

This has not happened yet, but it will happen... only in preparation of the great and terrible lesson the Lord will teach His people for 3 ½ years in **the last days** – in **the 3 days of the Lord** still on His calendar: **Trumpets**, **Afflicting of souls**, and **Tabernacles**... when the Gentile nations come to a close.

