

# EZEKIEL 37 vs 15

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**15** The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

**16** Moreover, you Son of man, take one stick, and write on it,

For **Judah** / for the House of **JUDAH**... the Jewish people; the southern kingdom; the **2 tribes** that went into **Babylonian captivity**,

and for the children of Israel his companions / notice the LORD says, the children of Israel. The House of JUDAH is also Israel's children,

then take another stick, and write on it,

For **Joseph** / the House of **ISRAEL**... the Israelites; the northern kingdom; the **10 tribes** that went into **Assyrian captivity**.

the stick of **Ephraim** and for **all** the House of **Israel** his companions.

Remember: it was Joseph's younger ½ Egyptian son **Ephraim** who received **the birthright promise given first to Abraham, then passed to Isaac, and on to Jacob**... who *in the last days*... would become **the great community of nations**; and Joseph's older son Manasseh who *in the last days*... would become a **great nation**. So who is this community of nations... and this great nation *in the last days*, if it isn't Great Britain and its 53 countries... along with the United States -- a population group of over 2 billion people... then who is it?

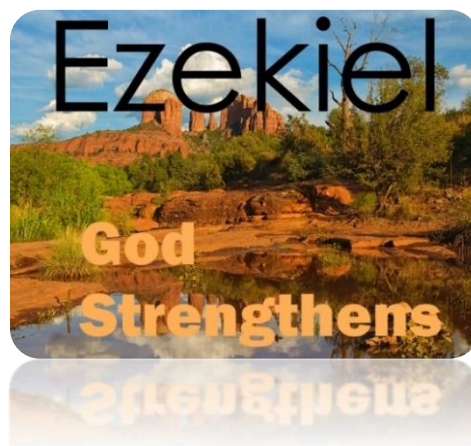
**Verse 17** And join them one to another into one stick;

and they will become one in your hand / what? **Ephraim**, the great community of nations... and **Manasseh**, the great nation... **and add to them**: the great **Jewish** nation? When has that happened? It hasn't; not yet! But the time of shaking is near.

**18** And when the children of your people speak to you, saying,

**Won't You show us what You mean by these?** / Yes! The LORD will... in His time... and it is fast approaching, isn't it?

**19** Say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold / pay attention, **I will take the stick of Joseph** / the ½ Egyptian descendants of both brothers: Ephraim and Manasseh... in the latter days of the time of the gentiles, **which is in the hand of Ephraim**



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...who was given the birthright of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the tribes of **Israel** his fellows, and will put them with him, with the stick of Judah,

and make them **one stick**, and **they will be one in My hand** / and we know... one in unity will always come first, right?! Many people will swear that has already happened.

<sup>20</sup> And the sticks whereon you write will be in Your hand before their eyes / *for all to see*.

<sup>21</sup> And say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD;

Behold / pay attention,

I will take the children of **Israel** from among the nations / from among the Gentiles,

Where they went, and I will gather them on every side / from every direction,

and bring them into their own land / and that is what the Lord GOD did to the children of the House of **JUDAH**, with the help of the House of **EPHRAIM** / Israel! Officially, **JUDAH** was recognized by the nations in 1948. Now there are some people who don't like the fact that Israel's children went back to their own land.

But who cares? Take your complaint to the LORD; after all, He said it to prophet Ezekiel 2,500 years ago... somewhere in the old Babylon empire along the Tigris or Euphrates rivers.

But back to Ezekiel...

Verse <sup>22</sup> And **I will make them one nation** in the **earth** upon the mountains of Israel / it is obvious, God has just jumped over the great Armageddon War... to the time of great peace in the Millennial kingdom, because we read,

and one king / of the lineage of David; the Messiah of God... **will be king to them all:**

and they will be **no more two** nations,

nor will they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all / which means until THIS point in time...

they should be considered TWO nations... and TWO kingdoms... if we are paying attention!

<sup>23</sup> Nor will they defile themselves any more with their idols / thereby ignoring Moses' warning to them when they enter the land promised to their fathers Abraham,

nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions:

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**but I will save them out of all their dwelling places,**

**wherein they have sinned,**

**and will cleanse them:**

**so will they be My people** / which means they will no longer be considered: NOT My people,

**and I will be their God.**

<sup>24</sup> **And David** / whose name means: **the beloved**... so this can be translated...

**David My servant** / or **My Beloved Servant**... **will be king over them** / so is this King David—David? Most likely not. More definitely this is the beloved Son; the Messiah of God. Though either makes sense as an excellent ruler; we will know the answer when He comes in great power and glory;

**and they all will have one Shepherd** / one Pastor... and certainly this is our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ... whom Peter tells us... He alone is the Good Pastor of our souls.

**they will also walk in My judgments,**

**and observe My statutes, and do them** / wow! What a novelty! The people the LORD governs... will actually do His will. It's hard to imagine, isn't it?

<sup>25</sup> **And they will dwell in the land that I gave to Jacob** **My servant,**

**wherein your fathers have dwelt;**

**and they will dwell in it; they, and their children,**

**and their children's children forever** / and that's a long time:

**and My servant David** / better,

**My Beloved Servant**... **will be their Prince forever** / and that's a long time, too.

<sup>26</sup> **Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them;**

**it will be an everlasting covenant with them:**

**and I will place them** / Moffat says, I will settle them,

**and multiply them,**

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**and I will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore** / so for clarity on this verse because we are not learning about a brick and stone building... read: **Revelation: 21:22**.

<sup>27</sup> **My tabernacle** / remember a tent is very temporary... apparently, the Lord knows this place is going to be replaced one day with something none of us could imagine.

**My tent... also will be with them:**

**YES, I will be their God,**

**and they will be My people.**

<sup>28</sup> **And the heathen** / the nations... **will know**

**that I the LORD do sanctify Israel,**

**when My sanctuary will be in the midst of them for evermore.**

Anyone gonna argue with Him?!

And just an aside -- the number 12 in scripture often indicates the number of governance -- for example: the 12 tribes, the 12 disciples... and the 24 elders -- a multiple of 12. So let's listen again to these 12 declarations the LORD God promised:

1. I will take the stick of Joseph;
2. I will put them with the stick of Judah;
3. I will take the children of Israel;
4. I will gather them into their own land;
5. I will make them one nation;
6. I will save them out of all their dwelling places;
7. I will cleanse them;
8. I will be their God;
9. I will make a covenant of peace with them;
10. I will settle them and multiply them;
11. I will set My sanctuary in the midst of them forever more;
12. And I will be their God.

That is what God said as HE works in time and history; HE sounds pretty sure of Himself. If God can do all this in time; imagine what HE has promised to do for all those who will trust Him... for Christ's sake!