

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“THAT YOU WILL KNOW I AM THE LORD” Part 5

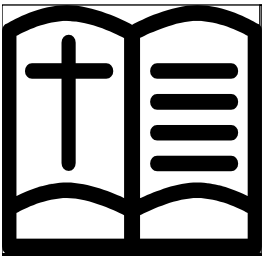
EZEKIEL 36-37; JEREMIAH 31:31-37

I. GOD’S COVENANT LOVE FOR AND WITH ISRAEL

II. GOD’S FUTURE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL: GOD UPDATES THE FUTURE TO EZEKIEL AS HE PREPARES FOR THE COMING OF HIS SON, MESSIAH EZEK. 36

III. GOD’S MIRACULOUS RESTORATION OF ISRAEL FROM THEIR GRAVES!

- A. Prophecies often have dual fulfillments - an earlier and a later, final one.***
- 1. In the earlier one, an element of the prophecy was not fully complete; it is a type, example***
 - 2. When a prophecy is not fully completed, the second and final one will be exact.***
 - 3. This occurs because humans repeat their actions with almost predictable results and God responds with actions to keep that history moving in a linear fashion to the destination of the restored Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. History is linear but it is traveled by vehicles of a repetitive cyclical progress.***
- B. Some prophecies are intentionally only partially fulfilled with the final phase coming at a later date on purpose. We call this “already, not yet.”***
- C. The prophesy is for the one intended, though others may benefit from its fulfillment***
- D. The prophecy of the valley of dry bones is***



specifically about Israel with whom God has an unchangeable relationship Jer 31:35-37; Eze 37:11

1. This prophecy is about the restoration of a dead Israel with no hope, broken up, dried out; it is for these children of Israel who know it will take a miracle for them to return to their own land, reunited after many years separated from one another.

2. The miracle is completely the work of God using the agency of the prophet to make it happen. Dry bones coming together, coming to life; the necessity of the Spirit of God; Another lesson in the ways of God! 37:1-10

3. God's explanation:

a. The bones are the whole house of Israel, the 12 tribes united; they believe it is impossible

b. God Himself will take them out of their graves; two-fold meaning—literal graves as in resurrection of all OT saints; returned from the “graves” of the nations in which they live

c. Why? That you will know I am the LORD

E. The two sticks become one: Judah and Joseph

1. God gathers them from the nations and makes them one nation

2. They will have one king, David, one shepherd

3. Obedience and a new covenant; He lives there with them forever