

NEW BIRTH

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SERMON NOTES FROM SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

EZEKIEL 37: 1-28

1) THE HAND OF THE LORD CAME UPON ME AND BROUGHT ME OUT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD, AND SET ME DOWN IN THE MIDST OF THE VALLEY; AND IT *WAS* FULL OF BONES.

2) THEN HE CAUSED ME TO PASS BY THEM ALL AROUND, AND BEHOLD, *THERE WERE* VERY MANY IN THE OPEN VALLEY; AND INDEED *THEY WERE* VERY DRY.

3) AND HE SAID TO ME, "SON OF MAN, CAN THESE BONES LIVE?" SO I ANSWERED, "O LORD GOD, YOU KNOW."

4) AGAIN HE SAID TO ME, "PROPHECY TO THESE BONES, AND SAY TO THEM, 'O DRY BONES, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD!'"

5) THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE BONES: "SURELY I WILL CAUSE BREATH TO ENTER INTO YOU, AND YOU SHALL LIVE."

6) I WILL PUT SINEWS ON YOU AND BRING FLESH UPON YOU, COVER YOU WITH SKIN AND PUT BREATH IN YOU; AND YOU SHALL LIVE. THEN YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I *AM* THE LORD."

7) SO I PROPHESED AS I WAS COMMANDED; AND AS I PROPHESED, THERE WAS A NOISE, AND SUDDENLY A RATTLING; AND THE BONES CAME TOGETHER, BONE TO BONE.

8) INDEED, AS I LOOKED, THE SINEWS AND THE FLESH CAME UPON THEM, AND THE SKIN COVERED THEM OVER; BUT *THERE WAS* NO BREATH IN THEM.

9) ALSO HE SAID TO ME, "PROPHECY TO THE BREATH, PROPHECY, SON OF MAN, AND SAY TO THE BREATH, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: "COME FROM THE FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, AND BREATHE ON THESE SLAIN, THAT THEY MAY LIVE."'"

10) SO I PROPHESED AS HE COMMANDED ME, AND BREATH CAME INTO THEM, AND THEY LIVED, AND STOOD UPON THEIR FEET, AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT ARMY.

11) THEN HE SAID TO ME, "SON OF MAN, THESE BONES ARE THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. THEY INDEED SAY, 'OUR BONES ARE DRY, OUR HOPE IS LOST, AND WE OURSELVES ARE CUT OFF!'"

12) THEREFORE PROPHECY AND SAY TO THEM, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: "BEHOLD, O MY PEOPLE, I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES AND CAUSE YOU TO COME UP FROM YOUR GRAVES, AND BRING YOU INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL."

13) THEN YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I *AM* THE LORD, WHEN I HAVE OPENED YOUR GRAVES, O MY PEOPLE, AND BROUGHT YOU UP FROM YOUR GRAVES.

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14) I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU, AND YOU SHALL LIVE, AND I WILL PLACE YOU IN YOUR OWN LAND. THEN YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I, THE LORD, HAVE SPOKEN *IT* AND PERFORMED *IT*,” SAYS THE LORD.””

15) AGAIN THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ME, SAYING,

16) “AS FOR YOU, SON OF MAN, TAKE A STICK FOR YOURSELF AND WRITE ON IT: ‘FOR JUDAH AND FOR THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, HIS COMPANIONS.’ THEN TAKE ANOTHER STICK AND WRITE ON IT, ‘FOR JOSEPH, THE STICK OF EPHRAIM, AND *FOR ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, HIS COMPANIONS.*”

17) THEN JOIN THEM ONE TO ANOTHER FOR YOURSELF INTO ONE STICK, AND THEY WILL BECOME ONE IN YOUR HAND.

18) “AND WHEN THE CHILDREN OF YOUR PEOPLE SPEAK TO YOU, SAYING, ‘WILL YOU NOT SHOW US WHAT YOU *MEAN* BY THESE?’—

19) SAY TO THEM, ‘THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: “SURELY I WILL TAKE THE STICK OF JOSEPH, WHICH *IS* IN THE HAND OF EPHRAIM, AND THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, HIS COMPANIONS; AND I WILL JOIN THEM WITH IT, WITH THE STICK OF JUDAH, AND MAKE THEM ONE STICK, AND THEY WILL BE ONE IN MY HAND.”’

20) AND THE STICKS ON WHICH YOU WRITE WILL BE IN YOUR HAND BEFORE THEIR EYES.

21) “THEN SAY TO THEM, ‘THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: “SURELY I WILL TAKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM AMONG THE NATIONS, WHEREVER THEY HAVE GONE, AND WILL GATHER THEM FROM EVERY SIDE AND BRING THEM INTO THEIR OWN LAND;

22) AND I WILL MAKE THEM ONE NATION IN THE LAND, ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL; AND ONE KING SHALL BE KING OVER THEM ALL; THEY SHALL NO LONGER BE TWO NATIONS, NOR SHALL THEY EVER BE DIVIDED INTO TWO KINGDOMS AGAIN.

23) THEY SHALL NOT DEFILE THEMSELVES ANYMORE WITH THEIR IDOLS, NOR WITH THEIR DETESTABLE THINGS, NOR WITH ANY OF THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS; BUT I WILL DELIVER THEM FROM ALL THEIR DWELLING PLACES IN WHICH THEY HAVE SINNED, AND WILL CLEANSE THEM. THEN THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD.

24) “DAVID MY SERVANT *SHALL BE* KING OVER THEM, AND THEY SHALL ALL HAVE ONE SHEPHERD; THEY SHALL ALSO WALK IN MY JUDGMENTS AND OBSERVE MY STATUTES, AND DO THEM.

25) THEN THEY SHALL DWELL IN THE LAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN TO JACOB MY SERVANT, WHERE YOUR FATHERS DWELT; AND THEY SHALL DWELL THERE, THEY, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN’S CHILDREN, FOREVER; AND MY SERVANT DAVID *SHALL BE* THEIR PRINCE FOREVER.

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26) MOREOVER I WILL MAKE A COVENANT OF PEACE WITH THEM, AND IT SHALL BE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH THEM; I WILL ESTABLISH THEM AND MULTIPLY THEM, AND I WILL SET MY SANCTUARY IN THEIR MIDST FOREVERMORE.

27) MY TABERNACLE ALSO SHALL BE WITH THEM; INDEED I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

28) THE NATIONS ALSO WILL KNOW THAT I, THE LORD, SANCTIFY ISRAEL, WHEN MY SANCTUARY IS IN THEIR MIDST FOREVERMORE.”

*****YES, HE CAN/YES, WE CAN*****

*****II CORINTHIANS 1:20 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

FOR ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN HIM ARE YES, AND IN HIM AMEN, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THROUGH US.

THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE INCREASE AND EXPONENTIAL EXPANSION (VERY RAPID INCREASE HE WILL BRING
TRANSITION SHALL CONTINUE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS

***WHILE THIS WILL BE A TIME OF CYCLE ENDINGS, DIVINE DECLARATION AND DIVINE SEPARATIONS FOR SANCTIFICATION

READ GALATIANS 2:20 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION

***IT WILL ALSO PROVE TO BE THE YEAR WE WILL FINALLY ARE SICK OF OURSELVES WHERE KEY STRUGGLES IN OUR LIVES WILL FINALLY BOW AS WE BOW TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS

***CERTAIN STANDARDS ARE GOING TO BE BROUGHT BACK ACROSS THE *BOARD, POLITICALLY, RELATIONALLY, FINANCIALLY AND SPIRITUALLY*

***THERE IS A **GRACE** THAT SHALL BE GIVEN AND IT IS DOUBLE MANIFESTATION OF DIVINE **GRACE** TO BE FINISHED

***WE WILL SEE DIVINE **TRANSACTIONS** OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, BUT WE WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER TO THE LEADING OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**

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***** PROVERBS 13:22 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION *****

A GOOD MAN LEAVES AN INHERITANCE TO HIS CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, BUT THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS STORED UP FOR THE RIGHTEOUS.

- THOSE WHO WOULD APPLY THE **COMFORTS** TO THEMSELVES MUST APPLY THE **CONVICTIONS** TO THEMSELVES
- FOR GOD TO SPEAK IN THIS MANNER WAS AN INDICATION OF GOD'S GOOD-WILL TO THEM, AND HIS GRACIOUS DESIGNS CONCERNING THEM IN THEIR AFFLICTION
- **THE TEXT REVEALS PROPHETICALLY THAT IT IS GOD AND GOD ALONE WHO SHALL DELIVER MAN FROM HIS DESPONDENCY;**
- LOWNESS OF SPIRIT AND HOPELESSNESS
- AND IT REPRESENTS THE POWER AND GRACE OF GOD, IN THE CONVERSION OF THE MOST HOPELESS SINNERS TO HIMSELF

**YOU NEED TO KNOW
THERE IS LIFE AFTER THIS!**

- **CHAPTER 35** REVEALS GOD'S HEART TOWARD THE ENEMY OF HIS PEOPLE, AND COMMANDS THE PROPHET TO PROPHECY
- CHAPTER 36 (**I WILL SHOW THE NATIONS**) REVEALS GOD'S HEART TO RESTORE HIS PEOPLE AND THE ABILITY HE ALONE HAS!

***THE LATTER PART OF THE CHAPTER (**V.S. 35-38**) GOD PROMISES TO MAKE THE MEN OF ISRAEL AS A GREAT FLOCK.

- THIS BELOVED SPEAKS PROPHETICALLY TO GOD'S **HAND UPON THOSE WHO DARE TO BE SENSITIVE TO HIS LEADING.**
- **FOR WHILE HE IS YET SPEAKING WE WILL BE IN THE MIDST OF WHAT HE SPEAKS**

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****1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-11 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION****

6) HOWEVER, WE SPEAK WISDOM AMONG THOSE WHO ARE MATURE, YET NOT THE WISDOM OF THIS AGE, NOR OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE, WHO ARE COMING TO NOTHING.

7) BUT WE SPEAK THE WISDOM OF GOD IN A MYSTERY, THE HIDDEN *WISDOM* WHICH GOD ORDAINED BEFORE THE AGES FOR OUR GLORY,

8) WHICH NONE OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE KNEW; FOR HAD THEY KNOWN, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY.

9) BUT AS IT IS WRITTEN:

*“EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD,
NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN
THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE
WHO LOVE HIM.”*

10) BUT GOD HAS REVEALED *THEM* TO US THROUGH HIS SPIRIT. FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHES ALL THINGS, YES, THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD.

11) FOR WHAT MAN KNOWS THE THINGS OF A MAN EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF THE MAN WHICH IS IN HIM? EVEN SO NO ONE KNOWS THE THINGS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

- **FOR WHILE HE IS YET SPEAKING WE WILL BE IN THE MIDST OF WHAT HE SPEAKS**
- WHICH IS LITERALLY BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS, AND MOUNTAINS OFTEN REPRESENT THE OPINION OF GOD VERSES MAN!
- BUT HERE THE BONES LYE BETWEEN THE MOUNTAIN WHICH SUGGEST THAT WE ARE IN A PLACE THAT WILL REQUIRE OF US TO DETERMINE WHAT OPINION WE WILL BE OF, **THE WORLDS OR GODS!**

*****1 KINGS 18:21 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

AND ELIJAH CAME TO ALL THE PEOPLE, AND SAID, “HOW LONG WILL YOU FALTER BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? IF THE LORD *IS* GOD, FOLLOW HIM; BUT IF BAAL, FOLLOW HIM.” BUT THE PEOPLE ANSWERED HIM NOT A WORD.

—————→ SILENCE IS AGREEMENT

*****PSALM 107:2: - NEW KING JAMES VERSION*****

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY *SO*, WHOM HE HAS REDEEMED FROM THE HAND OF THE ENEMY

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→ THE STATE OF THE BONES WAS A PROGRESSIVE STATE.

→ THEY WERE NOT ALREADY DRIED, BUT VEHEMENTLY BECOMING DRY.

AND THE QUESTION HE ASKS
“CAN THESE BONES LIVE?”

***LIVE-CHAYAH-BE RESTORED, REVIVED, REPAIRED.

***AND HE ANSWERED “THOU KNOWEST” WHICH BECOMES THE THREAD OF NOT ONLY THE TEXT BUT OUR TIME!

***THOU KNOWEST IN HEBREW IS *YADA* – A PRIMITIVE ROOT; TO KNOW (PROPERLY TO ASCERTAIN BY SEEING)

- FOR YOU AND I, HIS ANSWER IS OUR KEY “LORD WHAT DO YOU SEE?” OR PROPERLY “LORD YOU SEE”
- IF WE ARE GOING TO SURVIVE AND SEE THE RESTORATION OF GOD, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE SEER OF GOD WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

<WE MUST SEE AS HE SEES!>

JOHN 16:13-14 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION

13) HOWEVER, WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, HAS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH; FOR HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN *AUTHORITY*, BUT WHATEVER HE HEARS HE WILL SPEAK; AND HE WILL TELL YOU THINGS TO COME.

14) HE WILL GLORIFY ME, FOR HE WILL TAKE OF WHAT IS MINE AND DECLARE *IT* TO YOU.

- TO WALK THROUGH THIS, WE WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT HE SEE IN ORDER SPEAK TO A TIME AND TIMES THAT WILL LOOK DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HE DECLARES.

GENESIS 1:2 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION

THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM, AND VOID; AND DARKNESS *WAS* ON THE FACE OF THE DEEP. AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING OVER THE FACE OF THE WATERS.

...THEN GOD SAID...

→ EITHER WAY, ONE THING IS FOR SURE, GOD IS GOING TO RESTORE!

- LET US BE CLEAR ABOUT THE ELEMENTS OF GOD’S PLAN.....FOR HIDDEN IN THE NUMBER OF TIMES BONE IS MENTIONED, (WHICH IS 2 TIMES), WE GET A CLEAR GLIMPSE

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9 IS THE NUMBER OF FINAL JUDGMENT, CYCLE ENDINGS, GRACE TO BE FINISHED, DIVINE DECLARATIONS, INCREASE, BEARING FRUIT, EXPONENTIAL EXPANSION AND MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

- WHAT YOU SEE IS, DEPENDENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, DECISION TO BE OF THE OPINION OF GOD, OBEDIENCE (**FOR HE SAID WHAT GOD TOLD HIM TO**) AND FAITH... ALL OF WHICH IS MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY WHILE GOD DOES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO.
- FROM A HUMAN STANDPOINT, FAITH IS NEEDED TO EMBRACE SOMETHING ONE CAN NOT LOGICALLY EXPLAIN

<<<ESPECIALLY NOW FOR THE 21ST CENTURY MAN>>>

- PLEASE NOTE: WE THINK WE HAVE ALL OF THE SOLUTIONS UNTIL ONE OF THEM DOES NOT WORK
- WE ARE KNOWN FOR MEASURING THINGS WITH OUR HEADS AND NOT OUR HEARTS
- YET, IF WE ARE HUNGRY FOR GOD, FAITH IS THE HIGHWAY THAT LEADS US TO HIM
- AFTER 20 CENTURIES, THE WRITER OF HEBREWS STILL HAVE A RELEVANT WORD IN 11:6

***** HEBREWS 11:6 – NEW KING JAMES VERSION *****

BUT WITHOUT FAITH *IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM*, FOR HE WHO COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND *THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT IN CONFLICT AND NEITHER CAN WE BE WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT WE HEAR!

- WHEN THE PROPHET HEARD THE NOISE A SHAKING FOLLOWED IN HEBREW SHAKING – **RA'ASH MEANS A COMMOTION, CONFUSION, FIERCENESS AND RATTLING.**
- THIS IS WHY WE MUST BE CLEAR AND KEEN FOR THE TIME, **AND TIMES WILL SOUND LIKE COLLAPSING, BUT IT WILL BE JUST THE OPPOSITE, A COMING TOGETHER.**
- WHEN ALL CAME TOGETHER, THE PROPHET SAID, I SEE EVERYTHING HE SAID BUT THE BREATH...

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- THIS IS WHERE YOU AND I MUST HAVE FAITH IN THE TIMING OF GOD!
- FOR WHEN WE FAIL TO SEE ALL THAT GOD SPOKE, WE MUST BELIEVE YET

THEN GOD SAID PROPHECY TO THE WIND, ***THIS IS NO ORDINARY WIND.

***THE WORD RU'ACH IN HEBREW IS THE BREATH OR THE SENSIBLE AND EVEN STRONG EXHALATION WHICH IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT THE PROPHET WOULD EXPERIENCE

—————▶ HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THIS IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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