

Them Bones

Ezk.37:1-14

Cambyse's army



Glorious promise: Ezk.36:24-31

- 1: probably raised more questions
- 2: Israel: dead in Babylonian exile, no longer a nation (586 BC)
- 3: Chapter 37 foretells the impossible

I. Background Summary

Israel's predicament

- Spiritually, nationally dead; exiled (1-2)
 - Valley: bones (slain, v.9) – a lost battle
 - Dry bones:
 - Disconnected
 - Scattered
- Ezekiel: take a good look (2)

Lord does not fear a close
examination of His miracles

God's power (3-6)

- “Can these bones live?” (3)
 - 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14
- “You know”
- “Prophecy” (preach to bones??) (4)
 - Is.55:11
 - God specializes in the impossible” (5)
 - “Breath” (Spirit, 1; Gn.2:7)
 - “Will live” (5) . . . “Will know” (6)

God's promises (7-10)

7: old, dry, loose bones

8: flesh on bone (valley of corpses)

9-10: prophecy to breath (or wind / spirit / Spirit) – Gn.2:7

Stood upon their feet,
a very large army

I. Background Summary

II. Application and Explanation

1. Bones (children of Israel, 11)

- Allies.
- Money. 1 Tim.6:9-10
- Politicians.
- Idols. 1 Jn.5:21
- Military. Is.10
- Human wisdom.

Now they were forced to trust
God, their only refuge

2. Ezekiel had to learn (12a)

- 2 Cor.1:....9

“Nothing is too big for my God to accomplish, and nothing is too little for Him to use in accomplishing it!”

3. Death is final, but God can do the impossible, 11-14

- Our bones are dry...our hope is lost, 11
- God still raises the dead (10, 12)
 - Joseph in Egypt
 - Israel vs. Egypt
 - Assyria against Israel, Is.10
 - Cyrus defeats Babylon, releases Israel, Is.45

4. Ultimate fulfillment, 13-14

- Messianic – saves sinners, Ezk.36:26-27
 - Mt.3:9; Ep.2:5; 5:14
- Israel. Ezk.2-3
- Ac.2...4, killed Jesus, yet...
- Hb.7:25
 - Jairus' daughter, Mk.5
 - Widow's son, Lk.7
 - Lazarus, Jn.11

5. God cares for His people (12-14)

- Mk.4:38
- 1 Pt.5:7