

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

MAY WE PLEASE HAVE A Revival

[PART 4] REVIVAL IN A BONEYARD

Reading: **Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14**

Introduction - Background to Ezekiel's Vision

- The ancient nation of Israel was comprised of 12 tribes.
- During the reigns of David and Solomon, all 12 tribes were united.
- During the reign of king Rehoboam the nation split in two.
- Ten tribes to the north - the **'House of Israel.'**
- Two tribes to the south - the **'House of Judah'** or **'the Jews.'**
- In 721BC **'house of Israel'** taken away into exile by the Assyrians.
- In 604BC **'house of Judah'** taken away into exile in Babylon for 70 years.
- It's at this time God shows Ezekiel the **'boneyard.'**
- The Jews in Israel today are only descendants of the two tribed house of Judah. They are **NOT** all Israel.
- The Jews look forward to a future re-unification with **'the lost 10 tribes.'**
- That is partly what the vision is about.

1 The Vision

- At the time of the vision all Israel is nationally dead.
- They are like a valley of dry bones.
- Ezekiel is wondering, can **ALL** Israel live again spiritually and nationally?
- [Vs 11] The bones are **THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL**, not just a part.

- **NB.** Bones are mentioned 9 times in the text.
- Ezekiel prophesies to the bones and flesh, sinew and skin come on the bones.
- **NB.** They are just corpses - no breath in them.
- [Vs 9/10] He prophesies again and breath comes into them and they come alive.
- **NB.** The breath of God made the difference.
- The words '**breath**' or '**breaths**' are used 7 times.

2 The Meaning Of The Vision

- The vision was **NOT** fulfilled when the Jews became a nation in 1948.
- Remember, the vision is to do with the whole house of Israel.
- The Jews today have definitely **NOT** experienced the breath of God.
- They still reject Christ.
- Ezekiel is shown a time when **ALL** Israel (the Jews and the '**lost 10 tribes**') come together and God puts His Spirit in them.
- The breath coming upon them is a national revival and a great turning to Christ. [Zechariah 12:10].
- What is the '**exceedingly great army**' for? Armageddon foretold in [Ezekiel 38].

3 The Breath Of God

- It is the breath of God that makes the wonderful difference.
- Consider [Genesis 2:7], [Job 33:4], [Psalm 33:6], [John 20:22], [Acts 2:4].

4 Personal Revival

- We are approaching the midnight hour in world history.
- If ever Christians and the church needed the breath of God on them it is **NOW**.
- We can't do it ourselves. We can only desire it and ask and plead with God to breath on us.

***'O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive thy church with life and power...'***

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