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## Analysis of Ezekiel 37

**Eze 37:1** The hand of אַיָּאֵל was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of אַיָּאֵל, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

**Eze 37:2** And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

**Eze 37:3** And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Master אַיָּאֵל, thou knowest.

**Eze 37:4** Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of אַיָּאֵל.

**Eze 37:5** Thus saith Master אַיָּאֵל unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

**Eze 37:6** And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am אַיָּאֵל.

**v.4 -6** Many believe the dry bone prophecy to be about the rebirth of the nation of Israel. This may be a part of the re-gathering of all of Israel.

I also believe it is talking about the **resurrection of the saints** (Israel) and the **millennium reign of Yahshua**.

This is probably where Paul got his understanding of the "catching up" he explained in 1 Thess. 4:13-17

**Eze 37:7** So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

**Eze 37:8** And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

This represents the spirit of Elijah - that of the restoration all things. *Mal.4:5; Mark 9:12*). Right now, we see the modern nation of Israel reborn or resurrected after millennia of being dead. However, the spirit of אַיָּאֵל is not in them at this point. Most in Israel do not now believe in **OWYAE**, the savior of all of Israel. They are still dead in their sins at this point. There is no breath (ruach) in them.

**Eze 37:9** Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith Master אַיָּאֵל; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Here is another double fulfillment prophecy. Israel will be brought from the 4 corners of the earth back into their land. The spirit (ruach) of YHWH is opening up their dead eyes as to who they are. Israel is coming back to Torah and their true Messiah, not the torah less one.

The other level of prophecy here represents the resurrection of the saints when Yahshua returns. The Hebrew word "harag" means slain. These were bones of dead people.

*Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.*

*Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.*

The whole house of Israel includes the Jews, although it is primarily about Ephraim. They had been dead for 2700 years. They lost their identity and their Torah. They were cut off from their Hebrew roots.

*Eze 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith Master אַיָּאֵל; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.*

*Eze 37:13 And ye shall know that I am אַיָּאֵל, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,*

*Eze 37:14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I אַיָּאֵל have spoken it, and performed it, saith אַיָּאֵל.*

You can readily see that this prophecy here primarily refers to the resurrection when Yahshua returns. We will come up out of our graves and live again forever. We will then be brought to the land of Israel which YHWH gave to our ancestors for an eternal inheritance. We will then rule and reign with Yahshua 1,000 years from there.

*Eze 37:15 The word of אַיָּאֵל came again unto me, saying,*

*Eze 37:16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:*

The word translated "stick" is "Ates" in Hebrew and means "tree". See John 10:16 One "stick or tree" is for Judah and the children of Israel (also called Israel), his companions.

The other stick or tree is for Joseph, the Stick of Ephraim and for ALL the House of Israel, his companions.

This is one of the clearest prophecies concerning the rejoining of the two houses in the future.

This is a reversal of the breaking of the tree into two sticks and breaking the covenant in Zech 11:7-14.

*Zec 11:7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.*

The word translated “beauty” is No’am which translates “delight, splendor, grace”. I believe this refers to the Messiah. “Bands” is “chebel” meaning a band or company (Commonwealth?). I believe this represents the commonwealth of Judah and Israel.

*Zec 11:8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.*

*Zec 11:9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.*

Some think the 3 shepherds refer to the doctrine of the trinity, but I’m not sure what it means. The second verse seems to mean that YHWH will quit dealing with these people and will let them die of spiritual starvation and the rest will live off the words of the rest. That has pretty much happened over the last 2700 years.

*Zec 11:10 And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.*

The covenant was broken between YHWH and His people. Yahshua reversed this by his death. We now have the earnest or down payment of the Ruach of the renewed covenant, but it is not totally in effect until it is consummated at the marriage supper of the lamb.

*Zec 11:11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of אַיָּאז.*

*Zec 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.*

*Zec 11:13 And אַיָּאז said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of אַיָּאז.*

Does this sound familiar to you? The money Judas was paid for tips leading to Y’shua’s capture was in fact returned to the priests in YHWH’s house, but they could not use it for anything holy, since it was blood money, so they used it to buy the Potter’s Field as a place to bury foreigners. (Mat. 27:3-10)

*Zec 11:14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*

This was done AFTER Judah’s return from Babylon.

Joseph and Israel can’t be rejoined at this point. The brotherhood between them was broken. They are separated until Messiah brings them back together, then they will be come the one new man of Eph 2:15.

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*Eze 37:17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.*

And join them into ONE TREE! This is spoken of by Paul in Romans 11:25. When you become a believer in Yahshua, you are grafted into the natural Olive tree.

*Eze 37:18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?*

*Eze 37:19 Say unto them, Thus saith Master אֲיָאֵל; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.*

The two will be joined - a repeat of what was said in verse 16-17. This must be referring to the millennium kingdom of Yahshua. See also Jer. 3:18. (See my Study on Jer. 3). The wild and natural olive trees made one again. Compare Isa. 11:13; Zekharyah 10:6.

*Eze 37:20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.*

*Eze 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith Master אֲיָאֵל; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:*

Israel (both houses) will be taken from among the heathen where they have been scattered the last 2700 years. And they will be brought back into their own land, Israel. Judah is returning even now to prepare the land for the rest of us to return.

*Eze 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:*

They will become one tree, one nation in the land of Israel and Yahshua will be King over them. They will never be divided into two kingdoms again! This has never happened and is still future.

*Eze 37:23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim.*

The rejoining of the two houses will bring Torah and Yahshua together. They will keep Torah and not eat unclean food. They will be cleansed of their sins and they will be the "Ami" of Yahweh. The Lo-Ami curse will be reversed. Eze. 36:33

It will only be after Yahshua returns that we will not sin again. It takes place after the resurrection of the dead.

*Eze 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.*

**Yahshua will rule upon the throne of David over all Israel.** He was given this throne in Luke 1:32 (also Isa. 9:7;16:5.) They will have one shepherd, the good shepherd of John 10:11,14. See also Mark 11:10, Acts 2:30; Eze. 34:23.

The Torah will be written in our hearts and we will keep all his commandments.

The Hebrew word "**David**" means "**well Beloved**". Didn't YHWH say at the baptism of Yahshua, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased (no'am)" in Matt. 3:17?

It is a root which means "close relative, friend". The cognate meaning is "support - conduct Torah". Yahshua is called all of these. He will sit upon the throne of David and rule with a rod of iron.

*Eze 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.*

This has never happened. Yahshua shall be their prince forever. Eze. 34:23-25.

We know this is still future because Judah does not now accept him as their prince.

The land of Canaan is in view here. Eze. 28:26. They shall live there forever. Doesn't say they will ever die again either. Let's look at Eze. 28:25-26.

*Eze 28:25 Thus saith the Master אֱלֹהִים; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.*

*Eze 28:26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am אֱלֹהִים their Elohim.*

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*Eze 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.*

Eternal life. The enmity is removed. Yahweh's sanctuary will be there in their midst FOREVER. It isn't there now, so we know this is still to take place. Isa. 27:5? Millennial temple?

Covenant of peace: see 34:25 and Isaiah 54:10. The first time this terminology is used, it was of Pin'has (Num. 25:12), who, though a Levite priest, was given land in the region of Ephraim. (Joshua 24:33)

It refers to the Renewed Covenant which will be written upon our hearts.

*Eze 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.*

This is a reversal of the Lo-Ami (not a people) curse on Ephraim of Hos. 1:9

*Eze 37:28 And the heathen shall know that I אֲנִי do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. See also Eze 43:7 below.*

Apparently, there will still be heathens and unbelievers still alive at this time. They will live outside the city and not be allowed in. We know there will be many unsaved at this time as the devil uses this great pool of humanity to make war on YHWH at the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:7-9). A stupid move, I might add.

*Eze 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.*

Here again we see that YHWH's name is supremely important. There are so many scriptures to indicate this. He doesn't like to be called by titles common to heathen gods. He has a name and it is important to Him, just like our names are important to us. How important is your name when it comes to it being written into the book of Life?

This Two Stick Prophecy is one of the strongest proofs that the two house restoration of Israel is still future. Most Rabbi's believe the lost tribes will return and be reunited with Judah. This won't happen until Judah accepts Yahshua and Ephraim returns to Torah and keeps all the commandments i.e the Sabbath, the Feasts of Yahweh, the clean/unclean food laws (Kashrut) and puts away sun worship practices of both houses. This will not happen completely until Yahshua returns on the Day of Yahweh.

I believe we are being called out as the first fruits, the 144,000 who will be the bride of Yahshua. We will be the ones who teach the masses when their blinders finally come off and they realize our fathers have inherited lies and things that do not profit.

Let's not shirk our responsibility to be good stewards of the truths we have been shown, lest we be replaced with those more willing to take the Besorah (gospel of the kingdom) to our brethren and unto the nations.

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