

DRY BONES
THE UNFOLDING OF GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES FOR ISRAEL: Part 4
Ezekiel 37:1-14

- I. THE VISION OF DRY BONES: A vivid illustration of the salvation of Israel (1-10)**
 - A. Ezekiel brought to observe the valley full of dry bones (1-3)**
 - B. God commands Ezekiel to prophecy over the dry bones, Ezekiel obeys (4-7a)**
 - 1. Commanded to prophecy (4)
 - 2. The prophecy of life to the bones (5-6)
 - a) An overview: God will bring them to life
 - b) How: Body reconstructed, and Spirit put in
 - c) Result: true life
 - 3. Ezekiel obeys and prophecies over them (7a)
 - C. The initial result: Body's reconstructed, but still dead (7b-8)**
 - 1. The bones came together (7b)
 - 2. Sinews, flesh and skin went on them (8a)
 - 3. But no spirit in them, they're still dead (8b)
 - D. God commands Ezekiel to prophecy to the breath, Ezekiel obeys (9-10)**
 - 1. The command: Prophecy to the breath to come upon the slain (9)
 - 2. The result: **The breath came into them, they came alive** (10)
- II. GOD INTERPRETS THE VISION OF DRY BONES: National and spiritual life (11-14)**
 - A. The bones are the whole hopeless house of Israel (11)**
 - B. Prophecy to the whole house of Israel: National and spiritual rebirth (12-14)**
 - 1. National gathering in the Land (12-13)
 - 2. Spiritual life in the Land (14a)
 - 3. Result: the knowledge of the Lord (14b)