

The Valley of Dry Bones v1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. v2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. v3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." v4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' v5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. v6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD." v7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. v8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. v9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" v10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet--a vast army. v11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' v12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. v13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. v14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'" Ezekiel 37:1-14

REBUILDING HAPPENS WHEN GOD BUILDS!!

1. THE DISASTER EZEKIEL SAW

1.1.A DEEP VALLEY – v1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and **set me in the middle of a valley**; it was full of bones. **Valley's in scripture** are often places of battle and pain. Psalm 23

1.2.A DEATH VALLEY – v1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; **it was full of bones. BONES ARE A SYMBOL OF DEATH.**

1.3.A DRY VALLEY – v2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, **bones that were very dry. DRY BONES ARE A SYMBOL OF HOPELESSNESS.**

2. THE FAITH EZEKIEL DISPLAYED

2.1.EZEKIEL BELIEVED GOD COULD DO THE IMPOSSIBLE – v3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

2.2.EZEKIEL DISPLAYED THAT HE BELIEVED GOD COULD DO THE IMPOSSIBLE – v4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, '....!'" v7 So I prophesied as I was commanded.

3. THE DESTINY GOD SAW

3.1.TRUE RESTORATION – v12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; **I will bring you back** to the land of Israel.

3.2.TRUE RELATIONSHIP – v13 Then you, **my people**, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

3.3.TRUE RELIGION – v14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. **Jesus said John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth**

3.4.TRUE RECOGNITION – v14 Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

4. THE ACTION GOD TOOK

4.1.HE MOVED THROUGH HIS SPIRIT – v1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD

4.2.HE USED AN AVAILABLE PROPHET - v2 He led me back and forth among them, v3 He asked me, "..... v4 Then he said to me God is looking for people who are willing to be used by HIM!!!

4.3.HE RESTORED THEM PHYSICALLY – v7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. v8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them

4.4.HIS SPIRIT MOVED THROUGH THEM – v9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "

5. THE BLESSING THEY RECEIVED

5.1.THEY WERE ACTIVATED – v10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life

5.2.THEY WERE ANIMATED – and stood up on their feet

5.3.THEY WERE ARMED – --a vast army