

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

ISRAEL: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

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PART 7: EZEKIEL'S DRY BONES

PROPHECIES FOR THE 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM

God will purge the sins from Judah and restore the city of Jerusalem. **Isaiah 1:24-28**

The Lord is going to restore Zion. **Isaiah 2:1-4**

Only a small remnant of the 12 tribes will be saved. **Isaiah 10:20-23**

BRINGING THE PEOPLE BACK

The remnant of Israel will not return on their own; it will be a supernatural move of God.

Ezekiel's first vision about future events for the people of Israel began when the Lord set him down in a valley full of dry bones. **Ezekiel 37:1-3**

God ordered the prophet to begin prophesying over the bones. As a result, the bones came together, then came flesh and sinew, but there still was no life. **verses 4-8**

Ezekiel was told to prophesy to the four winds on earth in order to return life back to the motionless bodies. **verse 9**

There is a significant truth in this verse because Jesus revealed to the apostle John that there are four angels in charge of the winds on earth. This was verified in the late 1960's when satellites revealed there are four points on this earth where all winds begin. **Revelation 7:1**

When Ezekiel prophesied over the inert bodies, they returned to life and God told the prophet that He would bring back the remnant of the 12 tribes of Israel from all over the earth. **Ezekiel 37:10-14**

UNIFICATION OF ISRAEL

God also revealed that the ten northern tribes would be re-united with Judah and Benjamin in the future. This must have been astonishing to Ezekiel since the northern kingdom had been destroyed by Assyria and taken into captivity. The kingdom of Judah had been conquered and taken captive by Babylon. Everything at this time in history was lost but God stated that Israel would be restored in the future. **verses 15-22**

THE 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM

The text is clear that God bringing back a remnant to Israel will only take place at the onset of the thousand year kingdom after the Antichrist and False Prophet have been cast into the Lake of Fire, Satan has been locked up for a 1,000 years and Jesus is ruling the earth. **Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6**

God described the condition of the remnant that returns. There will be no more defilement of sin, King David has been resurrected and rules Israel from Jerusalem, and the people will walk according to God's commandments. **Ezekiel 37:23-25**



God will make a covenant with the remnant; He will place His sanctuary in their midst as they have now become redeemed. **verses 26-28**

THE GREAT MOURNING

It is the prophet Zechariah that is given the revelation about the condition of the returning 12 tribes some 80 years after Ezekiel's death. The blindness that had been placed upon Israel due to their sins and the rejection of God (**Isaiah 6:9-11**) will be removed and for the first time this generation of the children of Israel will realize that Jesus is indeed the Messiah and they will repent and be born again. **Zechariah 12:10**

When the truth about Jesus is revealed to the people of Israel, it will trigger the greatest mourning this world has ever seen as they realize that every generation during the 700 years leading to the Messiah, and also for the last 2,000 years, all these people ended up in hell for their rejection of the Messiah. The remnant will realize their ancestors are in hell awaiting judgment. How awful it will be to realize that so many of God's people will be cast into the Lake of Fire! This is why there will be a period of mourning never seen before. **verses 11-14**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?