



DEM DRY BONES Ezekiel 37

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Burned bones lying shimmering in the heat present a 'grave' problem. How is it that many 'born again bones' are lying around in visionless valleys—mere shadows of all they were meant to be? Can God revive the believer and animate the moral corpse of the unbeliever? In other words, 'can these bones live?'

I. The Vision in the Valley. Ezekiel 37:1-14

- A. The Dry Bones—"Bones that were very dry." v. 2
 - 1. Dry. v. 2
 - 2. Depressed. v. 11
 - 3. Disconnected. v. 11
- B. The Bone Maker – Job 10:11,12: "You clothed me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews." v. 11
 - 1. His will. v. 4
 - 2. His way.
- C. The Blessing Bone—"The hand of the Lord was upon me." v. 1
 - 1. Captured.
 - 2. Carried.
 - 3. Commanded.
 - a. Preach to the bones. v. 4
 - b. Pray to the wind. v. 9

II. The Watchman on the Wall. Ezekiel 37:7

- A. The Dead Bones—"How then can we live?" v. 10
 - 1. Weighed down.
 - 2. Wasting away.
 - 3. Wishing for life.
- B. The Watchman—"I have made you a watchman." v. 7
 - 1. Responsible to the people. v. 7
 - 2. Accountable to the King.
- C. The Warning—"Give them warning from me." v. 7
 - 1. The godless—Jude.
 - 2. The second death.
 - a. Gehenna, place of pain. Matthew 25:41; Luke 12:5
 - b. Hell, place of alienation. 2 Samuel 14:24-32
 - c. Sheol, place of isolation. Genesis 15:15; 49:33

III. The Way Back.

- A. God loves the Wicked—"I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live." v. 11
- B. The Wicked can love God. v. 12
 - 1. Acknowledge sin.
 - 2. Repent.
 - 3. Receive life.