

## Class #36 - Bones & Sticks (Ezekiel 37)

### Objectives:

- Identify the forces which transformed a valley of dry bones into a living army.
- Explain what the vision of the dry bones signified for the people of Israel.
- Interpret the sign act of the two sticks in the hand of Ezekiel.

### Opening Question

What ideas, themes, or phrases in this chapter have we seen already in Ezekiel?

### Very Dry Bones (37:1-14)

- The hand of the Lord is on Ezekiel, signaling the third \_\_\_\_\_ for Ezekiel in the book. (37:1; see 1:3 and 8:1)
- He is taken down into a valley full of dry bones – a picture of the aftermath of a great \_\_\_\_\_. (2-3, see 9-10)
- The question: “Can these bones \_\_\_\_\_?” (3; see 11:13)
- Ezekiel is told to \_\_\_\_\_, and it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord that prompts the process of resurrection. (4-6)
- Ezekiel obeys, and the bones come together and become \_\_\_\_\_. (7-8)
- Then, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ on the slain, and they come to life as a great army. (9-10)
  - What does this remind you of?
- God says these bones are Israel: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (11)
- But God will \_\_\_\_\_ them up, bring them back to the land, and put His \_\_\_\_\_ within them. (12-14)

### **Two Sticks (37:15-28)**

- Another sign act: Ezekiel to take two sticks, on one write \_\_\_\_\_ and on one write \_\_\_\_\_, then join them together. (37:15-17; see Num.16:6-10)
- Interpretation: The tribes that were divided will be \_\_\_\_\_. (18-19)
- The people will come back to their \_\_\_\_\_ as one \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_, with one \_\_\_\_\_, and one \_\_\_\_\_. (20-23)
- \_\_\_\_\_ will be their king and shepherd, and they will dwell safely in his kingdom \_\_\_\_\_. (24-25; see 2 Samuel 7:8-17)
- God will make an \_\_\_\_\_ covenant of \_\_\_\_\_ with His people, and will build his \_\_\_\_\_ in their midst. (26-28)

### **Closing Question**

What do we learn from this vision and this sign act about what God can do for our lives, our families, and our churches today?