

Israel in Prophecy

STUDY # 50



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF
THE BIBLE**

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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Today we will study **A PROPHECY** in the book of **EZEKIEL** and its application to **THE NATION OF ISRAEL**.

**IN THIS PROPHECY WE WILL TRACE OUT ISRAEL'S
.....CONDITION IN THE GOSPEL AGE
....AND GOD'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THESE
CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM !**

Let us now read the prophecy in -

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the LORD was upon me , and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou

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knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Here we see in the prophecy what is called



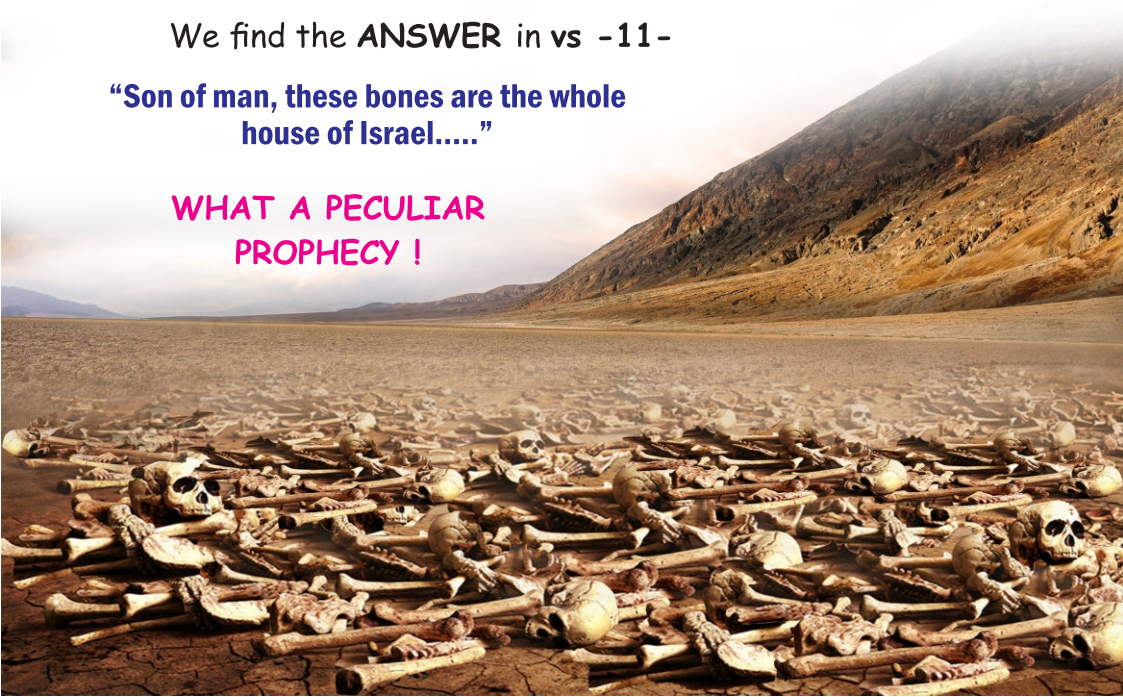
“the valley of dry bones”.

WHO DOES IT REFER TO ?

We find the **ANSWER** in vs -11-

“Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.....”

**WHAT A PECULIAR
PROPHECY !**



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We see that it refers to the future of Israel in God's plan and **GOD** is here **PROPHETICALLY** and **SYMBOLICALLY** speaking of that future.

By the study of this particular prophecy we will gain much **UNDERSTANDING** of **GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL** and about



ITS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

.....**AND ITS PRESENT CONDITION.**

Further we will learn of the **IMMEDIATE FUTURE** that awaits Israel and its **ROLE** that it will play in God's Kingdom which is to be **SOON** established on the earth.

**THIS WAS A VISION SHOWN TO THE
PROPHET EZEKIEL.**

It was recorded during the time of Israel's captivity of 70 years in Babylon after the fall of the last king Zedekiah.

The time period of when this vision was revealed was



....**BETWEEN 606 BC and 536 B.C.**



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It was the period when **PSALM 137** was also written
as we read in -

**PSALM 137 : 1 - “By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion”.**

In this **CONDITION** and **CIRCUMSTANCES** of captivity
and sorrow God revealed **THIS VISION** to the
prophet Ezekiel.

It was a very **IMPORTANT VISION** for the nation of Israel !

Today it is more than **2500 years** since God revealed that
VISION to Ezekiel !!!

**HAS IT BEEN FULFILLED OR
DOES IT STILL AWAIT
FULFILLMENT ?**



The answer to this question will be found in our
studying the “vision” and its



.....**INTERPRETATION.**

Let us now go to the vision as we turn again to -

Ezekiel 37:1-2

**“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of
the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of
bones. And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there
were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.”**

Here in these verses we see the **PROPHET EZEKIEL**



“being taken in a vision”

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and finds himself in the midst of a valley and it was



....FULL OF BONES

Yes ! There were a great many bones and they



....WERE DRY !



IMAGINE IT ! A VERY DEPRESSING PICTURE, REALLY !!!

.....AND THEN WHAT DO WE SEE ?

Let us continue reading from -

Ezekiel 37:3

“And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live ? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.”

We see that the Lord asks Ezekiel a question !!



A QUESTION OF HOPE !!

Here it is very important to **NOTE** the answer given by the prophet Ezekiel.



“And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.”

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Yes ! **EZEKIEL** was **WISE** and **HUMBLE** to realise that the answer to this question was **WITH THE LORD** Himself !

This is also in keeping with the Lord Jesus teaching in -
MATTHEW 5:37 - **“But let your communication be, Yea , yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.”**

Yes ! If we **KNOW**, let us say that.....**“WE KNOW”** !!

And similarly if we **DON'T KNOW** let us say that
.....**“WE DON'T KNOW”** !!

A similar example of this we find in -

Zechariah 4:5

“Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.”

Yes ! Thus, Ezekiel too, **LOOKS TO THE LORD** for the answer !

Let us now continue reading and see **THE ANSWER** that God reveals in -

Ezekiel 37 : 4-6

“Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.”

Yes ! Here God **PROPHETICALLY** and..... **IN SYMBOLS** reveals the answer to the question -

“Can these bones live ?”

 He speaks of **HOW** those bones **would come to life again** !

Now let us **FIRST** see **WHAT** these “bones” represent

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as we turn to -

Vs - 11 - “Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel....”

Ah! Yes! The “bones” represent the **WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL**
.....which would represent **ALL THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL !!**

Thus this “vision” speaks of a matter concerning the
NATION OF ISRAEL.

**Now the next question that arises is -
“WHICH TIME PERIOD OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY DOES
THIS “VISION” REFER TO ?”**

For we have already seen that this **VISION** was revealed to
the **PROPHET EZEKIEL** during the period when Israel were
in **CAPTIVITY** in Babylon.



IT WAS A LONG PERIOD OF SEVENTY YEARS !



And then in the **“first year of Cyrus King of Persia”** the nation was freed and permitted **TO GO BACK TO THEIR LAND** as we read from -

II Chronicles 36 : 22,23

“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.”

Yes ! And the **DESOLATE** land of Israel was a nation again !
It was a great **JOY** and **WONDER** to those who returned back home from **CAPTIVITY!!**

WAS THIS THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS VISION ?

THE ANSWER IS....NO !!

This Babylonian captivity only



..... TYPIFIED OR WAS..... A MODEL OF A GREATER CAPTIVITY that the whole nation of **ISRAEL** and its **TWELVE TRIBES** would enter into **MANY YEARS LATER** in the time when they



WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ANDREJECT THEIR MESSIAH !

Yes ! This vision represents the condition of the nation of Israel **AFTER 70 A.D**

when **JERUSALEM** was destroyed by the Roman army and ceased to be a nation, with the people being all scattered, and the land was left desolate !!!

We read of this in -



Daniel 9 : 26

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

Yes ! This is the **PROPHECY** that was fulfilled in **70 A.D** which brought about the



...DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM (“the city”)

and of



.....THE TEMPLE (“the sanctuary”)

by the Roman armies led by **TITUS** the Roman general.

The prophecy goes on to speak of -



“...and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

This we read in the NIV BIBLE as -



“war will continue until the end and desolations have been decreed.”

This speaks of the PERIOD after 70 A.D and after this “war” when the LAND OF ISRAEL WOULD BECOME DESOLATE as the people would be dispersed and scattered in all nations as we read in -

Zechariah 7:14

“But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.”



THERE ! ISN'T IT VERY CLEAR !?!

Yes ! This CONDITION of Israel AFTER 70 A.D wasTYPIFIED in their captivity to Babylon in 606 BC.

Let us now see **HOW** as we see the symbolic meanings - Babylon was then a worldwide empire - the first of **FOUR UNIVERSAL EMPIRES.**

Thus “Babylon” becomes **A SYMBOL** for.....**THE WORLD** over here, where the people of Israel would be “scattered” into and **DISPERSED**

.....a **CAPTIVITY AWAY** from their **OWN LAND !**



“Seventy years” captivity period -

This was the **PREDETERMINED PERIOD** of the Babylonian

captivity as decreed by God and spoken through the mouth of Jeremiah in

II Chronicles 36:21 - “To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.”

Now this **PREFIXED PERIOD OF CAPTIVITY** becomes A **SYMBOL** for the **PREDETERMINED PERIOD OF DESOLATION** decreed for Israel after 70 A.D.

This we read of in -

ZECHARIAH 9:12 - “Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;”

And again in.....

JEREMIAH 16 : 18 - “And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.”

Yes ! We read of this **PREFIXED PERIOD** being



“...a double” .



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?

It refers to the fact that God would punish Israel for a **PERIOD OF TIME** that would be **EQUAL** to the **PERIOD OF TIME** of their **BLESSING** or **FAVOUR**.

HOW DO WE CALCULATE THIS PERIOD ?



It **BEGINS** with the death of the last patriarch **JACOB** where the **PATRIARCHAL AGE** ended.....



...and **ENDS** with the year when Jesus pronounced the words of **JUDGEMENT** upon Israel that we read in **MATTHEW 23:38** - **“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.”**

We know that these words of Jesus was spoken just a few weeks before his death in **33 A.D.**

The **DEATH** of Jacob was in the year **1812 B.C.**

Thus the period of TIME for Israel's FAVOUR is 1812 B.C. to 33 A.D.

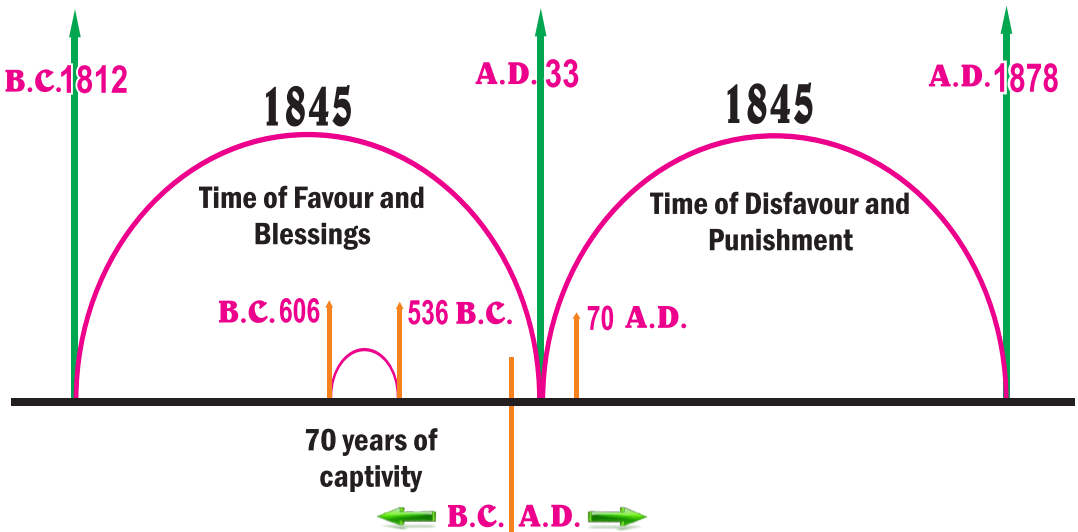
or 1812 + 33 = 1845 years

Thus the **PERIOD OF TIME** for Israel's punishment of a “double” would be **1845 YEARS.**


This period of “double” began in the year **33 A.D.**



WHEN WOULD IT END?




Simple calculation will give us the answer !

33	+	1845		1878 A.D.
THE YEAR IN A.D. WHEN THIS PERIOD BEGAN.		THE DURATION OF THIS PERIOD.		THE YEAR OF THE END OF THE "DOUBLE".

Thus the **PERIOD** of **TIME** for Israel's "double" of **DISFAVOUR** and **PUNISHMENT** was from -

 **33 AD** till **1878 A.D.**

 Now there is another feature that we notice in the **TYPE** !
Israel's release from their captivity in the **BEGINNING** of
the reign of Cyrus **TYPIFIED** their release from this

 **"double" CAPTIVITY**

in **1878** which incidentally was in the **BEGINNING**
PERIOD of the reign of

 **THE "ANTITYPICAL" CYRUS (Isaiah 45:1)**

 **....OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

whose **MILLENNIAL REIGN** (or 1000 year reign) had
previously begun in **1874** !!

Thus having understand how the "captivity" in Babylon from
606 B.C. to **536 B.C**

only **TYPIFIED** the "double" punishment from **33 A.D.**
to **1878 A.D.**,

let us now return to the "vision" in **Ezekiel 37th chapter**
and read from -

Ezekiel 37 : 11

“Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.”



This was the **CONDITION** of the **NATION OF ISRAEL** in their long period of captivity during the **GOSPEL AGE** when their



.....**HOPES AND FAITH**
IN THE DIVINE
PROMISES

made to Abraham about their nation seemed to be



....**DEAD** and **“dried”**

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN ?

THIS IS A VISION, REMEMBER !!!
NOTHING IS LITERAL !!

Yes ! All are representative **SYMBOLS !**



“bones”

As we have read in vs-11, they represent **THE NATION OF ISRAEL** and its people in their **CAPTIVITY CONDITION**.



“dried”.

This represents the **CONDITION** of the nation of Israel -

 **A FAITH.... DEVOID OF HOPE !**

Yes ! These symbols describe the **CONDITION** of the nation of Israel during the **Gospel Age**.

Then let us read what God goes on to say in -

Ezekiel 37 : 12-14

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD."

What does this **"bring you out of your graves"** represent ?

Remember, this is **NOT LITERAL LANGUAGE** being used here !

 This represents the **RETURN OF LIFE to ISRAEL AS A NATION**

and the life returning to its **MESSIANIC HOPES !**

Now let us **CLEARLY UNDERSTAND** how the nation of Israel will come back to "life" as described in this vision in -

Ezekiel 37 : 7-10

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into

them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet,
an exceeding great army.”

→ This is a **GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION** of
→ **THE RE-FORMATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL.**

Yes ! This is **HOW** Israel will come to be a nation again !!

Let us now **UNDERSTAND** the **SYMBOLIC MEANINGS** of
this “**vision**” and see

 **HOW MUCH** has **BEEN FULFILLED** so far
and **HOW MUCH REMAINS** to be fulfilled !

Ezekiel 37 : 7 - “So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.”

 **“...there was a noise , “**

This represents the **BEGINNING** of return of “**life**” to the
HOPES of Israel and **IDENTIFIES** that period as - “**a noise**”

This represents the “**sound**” of the blowing of
THE SEVENTH TRUMPET (Revelation 11:15) 



Hippodrome Theatre, October 9, 1910

which began in the period of the seventh church period of
LAODICEA in 1874.

This **SEVENTH TRUMPET** signifies **THE TRUTHS** proclaimed
 by the "seventh angel" which included



.....**THE TRUTH OF the RE-FORMATION OF ISRAEL
 AS A NATION.**

Thus as a result of the proclamation of these truths something
 happened.....something **FOLLOWED** the "a noise" !!

That is what we see next -



"...and behold a shaking,"

Here this word "**shaking**" is translated from the Hebrew word -
 "raash" (Strong's Hebrew # 7494)

which also means - "quaking" or "shaking".

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

This part of the vision represents **THE VARIOUS MEANS** by which -



"the bones came together,"

various parts of the world where they were scattered
 during **THE GOSPEL AGE.**



We read of the **MEANS** of this regathering process in another prophecy in -

Jeremiah 16 : 15,16

“But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.”



ANOTHER VERY PECULIAR PROPHECY WITH PECULIAR LANGUAGE !!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?

Here in this scripture is described **TWO MEANS** of that regathering -



“...I will send for many fishers...”



“...and after will I send for many hunters.”

Let us see now what these represent -



“.....many fishers ”

This represents the **FIRST** means that God used to regather Israel !!

It is a reference to

**THE
PETTAH
TIKVAH
MOVEMENT**



THEODORE HERZL

which began in 1878 and became popularly called

THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT.

It's founder was THEODORE HERZL from Switzerland.

The “fishers” reference here refers to his method of offering



“bait”

.....to draw out the Israelites to their own land !!

The “bait” consisted of INCENTIVES of scriptural promises such as in -

ISAIAH 60:22 - “A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.”

Yes! This is a reference to God's promise to make Israel **STRONG** even though they were a “small” nation **IN THE MIDST OF** the world of many nations.



Further “bait” was offered in INCENTIVES of

SPECIAL BENEFITS in the new “to be born” nation

and in the PURCHASE OF LAND in the desolate and barren land.

Thus many Israelites returned slowly to their own land -
BUT NOT ALL OF THEM !!

Thus “after” did the Lord use the **SECOND** means -



“.....and after will I send for many hunters,”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

Well, the symbol of “hunters” would represent the....**CHASING**or the **CHASING AFTER** a prey which is being hunted !

Here the nation of Israel and its scattered people in all nations would be the

.....PREY.....or the ones being HUNTED or
 CHASED FROM THE PLACES where they were !!



HOW WAS THIS DONE ?

This is a reference to THE LATER DEVELOPMENT of the various

ANTI - ZIONIST MOVEMENTS

among the nations, causing the Jews to be forced to leave or to be



“hunted out”

of the various lands they were in !!

This **“hunters”** phase of the regathering culminated in

THE NAZI EXTERMINATION OF THE JEWS IN

THE SECOND WORLD WAR OF 1939 -1945.

This is where nearly 6 MILLION (60 lakh) Jews were
 massacred by ADOLPH HITLER in the



“GAS CHAMBERS”



of the **NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS** in what has come to be known as -

THE NAZI HOLOCAUST OF THE JEWS.

During and after the **Second World War** Jews **IN LARGE NUMBERS** gathered to their "old land".

And thus we read from **Ezekiel 37:7**

 **"...and the bones came together,
bone to his bone".**

Ah, yes! All these events led to the **"REGATHERING"** to gain great momentum, so that after the **Second World War** ended in 1945 the circumstances became **RIPE** for the **"birth of"** -



.....A NEW STATE OF ISRAEL ON.....14th MAY 1948

IN THE VERY LAND that God had given to their "fathers".



**IT WAS A GREAT
WONDER AND
MIRACLE !**

**NEVER BEFORE WAS IT
SEEN THAT A NATION
WHICH HAD GONE
OUT OF EXISTENCE
FOR NEARLY
1900 YEARS**

**.....HAD BECOME
A NATION AGAIN !!**

And then what do we continue to read in the vision of Ezekiel ?.....

Vs -8 - “And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.”

Yes ! This represents **THE NEXT STAGE** in the **RE-FORMATION** of the nation of Israel.

Let us now see what the symbols represent -



“.....lo, the sinews....”

“Sinews” signify **MUSCLE** and **STRENGTH** **WHAT IS THE STRENGTH OF A NATION ?**

The answer is.....

....IT'S ECONOMY ANDIT'S DEFENCE. This is exactly what **FIRST** began to develop in the “new” nation after 1948 !



LOTS OF MONEY began to pour in from rich Jews (mostly from America) all over the world to **ESTABLISH THE NEW NATION'S ECONOMY.**

Simultaneously the **ARMED FORCES** began to be organized as
**ARMY, NAVY and AIR FORCE.**



Israel had to **fight a war** within days of it becoming
A NATION AGAIN

.....against the armies of **SEVEN ARAB NATIONS**
 neighboring it and its borders !!

**AND WHAT A VICTORY IT WAS ! (Refer to HISTORIC
 RECORDS IF POSSIBLE !)**

That was **ANOTHER GREAT MIRACLE !!**



Indeed ! “.....**lo, the sinews.....**” had begun to take shape !

Then what do we read.....



“...and the **flesh came up upon them.**”

Here “**flesh**” represents **THE BODY** and signifies

THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF A NATION.



Yes ! Over a period of time, Israel as a nation took shape !

There was the establishment of

➡a **GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM**

➡and **INDUSTRY** in its various sectors

➡and **AGRICULTURE** in a systematic manner,
making **OPTIMUM USE** of the available land resources.

A speciality is the **KIBBUTZ FARMING** method !

➡And **SERVICES** like hospitals, schools, banks, postal service, transportation, colleges, research centers etc.

Yes ! “...and the flesh came up upon them.”

And then we read....

 **“...and the skin covered them above.”**

Here “skin” represents a “COVERING” of the whole and
in turn signifies -

A COMPLETENESS AS A FULL FLEDGED NATION

....which comes through AN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION



of its nationhood among
other nations and in

**THE UNITED NATION
ORGANISATION
(U.N.O).**

This also took place as
Israel received
MEMBERSHIP in the
U.N.O. and opened
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
with other countries and

.....**INVITED** other nations to open embassies within Israel

.....**AND WAS INVITED BY OTHER COUNTRIES** to open
embassies in the various countries of the world.

Yes ! Today one can say “**.....and the skin covered them above:**” !!

And **FINALLY** what do we read....

 **“...but there was no breath in them.”**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

Yes ! This brings the “**VISION** of Ezekiel 37th chapter” to



OUR PRESENT DAY AND TIME !

We see the nation of Israel as a **FULL FLEDGED NATION**
which has now completed **more than 50 years** of nationhood -

but yet the prophecy says -
“there was no breath in them.”

To understand **WHAT THIS MEANS** we go to

Vs -9 - “Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

Here we see that **“the breath”** is to be **BREATHED.....**



“.....upon these slain”.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

who are here referred to as - **“these slain”** .

One may ask, “In what way is Israel and its people - “slain” ?”

Well, in much **THE SAME WAY AS** the whole world is.

Yes ! This is a reference to the condition of **“death”** and **BLINDNESS** as we read in -

LUKE 9:60 - “Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.”

Yes ! They **DO NOT** possess **“the life of God”** as we read in -

EPHESIANS 4:18 -

“Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:”



Yes ! **IT IS THIS CONDITION OF DEATH** that is being referred to regarding the nation of Israel and they being - **“slain”** .

Now WHAT is the “breath” that they await for TO RECEIVE LIFE ?

It represents the **“Holy Spirit”** of God which brings life as it has done **NOW** for the church as we read very clearly in -

ROMANS 8:10-11 **“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”**



DID YOU SEE THAT ??

So the nation of Israel is to receive the **“breath”** -



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD .

THE QUESTION NOW IS HOW AND WHEN?

Let us read the answer as we return to the **“vision”** in -

Ezekiel 37 : 10

“So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.”

YES ! THERE IS THE ANSWER !!

Ah ! We see that the - **THE HOLY SPIRIT**, is to come upon Israel from -



“the four winds”

WHAT IS MEANT BY THESE “FOUR WINDS” ?

We find mention of **FOUR WINDS** in -

REVELATION 7:1 - "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree."

Yes! Here these "four winds" are described as coming from "the four corners of the earth".

Let us graphically see what happens if FOUR WINDS come from FOUR CORNERS -



 YES ! IT TOGETHER FORMS A WHIRLWIND !

 And.....a WHIRLWIND DESTROYS EVERYTHING in its path !

WHAT WOULD THESE “four winds” Or “four winds of the earth” REPRESENT ?

Is it a reference to the FOUR DIRECTIONS of
.....NORTH/SOUTH/EAST and WEST ?

 Ah ! No !

Remember this is SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE ?

And “earth” and the “winds” are NOT LITERAL !

This is a reference to the SYSTEMS of VISIBLE EARTHLY RULERSHIP !!

Yes ! The Lord is telling us here of the “four winds of the earth”
or.....THE TROUBLES which will arise.....
SIMULTANEOUSLY from

THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE VISIBLE EARTHLY RULERSHIP -

**GOVERNMENT / SOCIETY / RELIGION /
FINANCIAL SYSTEMS**

which will bring the present GOSPEL AGE and THE SECOND
WORLD to an END !

Oh, yes ! It is a symbol of “the great time of trouble” !!!

This has been similarly symbolized in the BOOK OF DANIEL in -
Daniel 2 : 35

**“Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold,
broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer
threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no
place was found for them:.....”**

Yes! The “wind” here is.....

 **THE GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE** which will bring to an end this second world.

.....AND IT IS THROUGH that “**great time of trouble**” and the “**four winds**” that.....Israel will receive the **HOLY SPIRIT !!**

WHY IS THIS !!

This is because the CLIMAX of that “great time of trouble” is TO BE IN ISRAEL !!

(THE DETAILS WE STUDIED IN CLASS # 47 - “ARMAGEDDON AND THE END OF THE WORLD”)

 It is known in the scriptures as

“JACOB'S TROUBLE”.

We read about it in -

Jeremiah 30 : 3-7

“For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas ! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”

We are living **IN THE VERY DAYS** when this scripture is **SOON TO BE FULFILLED !!**

We read more details of this "Jacob's trouble" in -

Ezekiel 38 : 7-9

"Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee."

Yes ! There is to be an **ATTACK** upon Israel by **MANY NATIONS** from Europe and Russia and **ALMOST ALL NATIONS** as we read in -

Zechariah 14 : 2

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;"

DID YOU SEE THAT ???

And we read in the scriptures that **GOD** will then **MIRACULOUSLY** deliver Israel as we read in -

Zechariah 12 : 8,9

"In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

Yes ! **GOD** will fight the battle for Israel and.....**VICTORY** and.....
.....**A GRAND VICTORY** is sure !!

The scriptures reveal some details of that **FINAL CONFLICT** in -



Zechariah 14 : 12

“And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.”

 This **“plague”** seems to suggest **A NUCLEAR WAR !**

Yes ! The words used to describe this **“plague”** speaks of **NUCLEAR RADIATION.**

But it will have **A RESTRICTED EFFECT** as we see that the nation of Israel will be **SPECIALLY PROTECTED** and -



.....the **“breath”** - **GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT**

will **THEN** at that time be poured out on the nation of Israel as we very clearly read in -

Ezekiel 39 : 29

“Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.”

Yes ! When God **BEGINS** to pour out His Spirit **“upon all flesh”** **IT WILL BEGIN WITH THE NATION OF ISRAEL !!**



Thus it will be that **“THE VISION OF THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES”**will have reached its **COMPLETE FULFILLMENT !!**



And then the **NATION** of Israel **SHALL LIVE** and stand
and become

 **“an exceeding great army”.**

Yes ! For it is **ONLY** through the Jews that the world will be
taught the **WORD OF GOD** and the **TRUTH** as we
read very clearly in -

Zechariah 8:23

**“Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that
ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall
take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you:
for we have heard that God is with you.”**

Yes ! And **ALL THE NATIONS** shall flock to Jerusalem **TO**

LEARN AND RECEIVE the **KINGDOM** blessings
as we read from -

ISAIAH 2 :2-3

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”



YES ! ISN'T IT ALL SO VERY CLEAR.

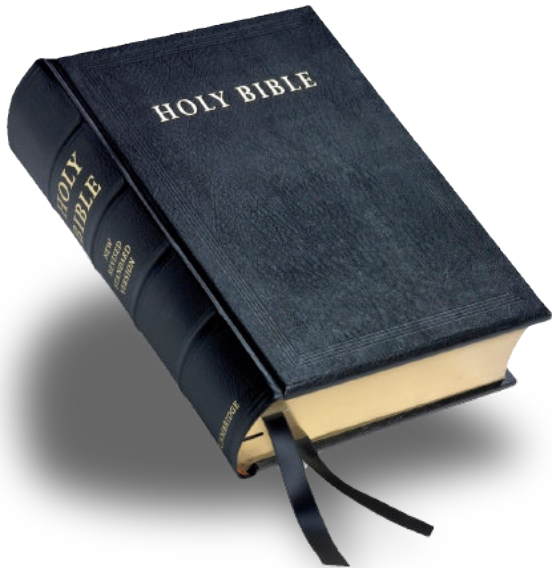
And finally we read in -

ISAIAH 60:2 - “For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”

**OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS DESTINY..... AWAITS
THE NATION OF ISRAEL !**

- Amen -





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