

“The Kingdom of God!”



Part 11: “Then they will know that I AM the LORD!”

Ezekiel 37 - 39

Introduction: **I Chronicles 29:10-18** ... David’s prayer ...

David understood that he and the people of Israel were part of God’s plan to establish His kingdom on the earth. They existed for GOD !

Our plan: Find “ happiness !” God’s plan: Conform us who believe to the image of His Son!! (Romans 8:29)

Our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel (Jacob), is able to raise “dry bones” to life so that the world may know that HE is LORD!

I. Israel’s story ...

Ezekiel 37:1-3: “Son of man, can these bones live ?” (vs. 3)

God cannot and will not dwell among a people who give His glory to another by putting other “ gods ” before HIM!

God’s plan will not be stopped or changed by the sinful failure of people ... even those who have taken His name in vain.

Ezekiel 37:4-10: “Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall LIVE !” (vs. 5).

Ezekiel 37:6, 12-14: “ ... and you shall know that I am the LORD!”

Ezekiel 37:21-27: “My servant David (David’s descendant) shall be King over them, and they shall all have one Shepherd ” (vs. 24).

Ezekiel 37:28: “Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel , when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore” (vs. 28).

Zechariah 12:10, 13:1: “ ... when they look on me, on Him whom they have pierced ... On THAT day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them ... ”

Ezekiel 38:16, 22-23: “So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations” (vs. 23).

Ezekiel 39:7, 21-22, 25-29: “Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel ... ” (vs. 25).

II. OUR story ... **Lighthouse Community Church Nondenominational!**

This “new thing” arising out of a congregation nearly 100 years old was similar to life being given to a valley filled with “ dry bones !”

Being called into the “courts of men,” we declared, “We must obey God rather than men !” (Acts 5:29).

Acts 5:38-39: “If this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail ; but if it is of GOD, you will not be able to overthrow them!”

Our desire has been and IS to make Him known, that HE is the LORD, the God of Abraham , Isaac and Jacob !

And now ... GOD IS CALLING US HOME !!!!!

III. YOUR story ...

Something that we ALL have in common: Apart from God’s grace and mercy we are ALL “dry bones!”

Romans 3:9-12: “ None is righteous, no, not one ... All have turned aside; together they have become worthless ” (vss. 10-11).

Ephesians 2:1-10: “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked ... and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. BUT GOD ... ” (vss. 1,3-4).

We who have been awakened, restored and forgiven through faith in Christ Jesus now exist to give thanks and praise to the God who saved us!!

We who believe are now part of GOD’s story, of His plan to establish His kingdom , to bring salvation through Christ and to fulfill all the promises of His covenant of Grace with Abraham.

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father!” (Philippians 2:10-11).