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- ① **Prophecy (speaking for the Lord and speaking forth the Lord into one another) in the meetings of the church fulfills the greatest prophecy in the Bible, which is to build up the church (in oneness as an exceedingly great army).**
- ② **God's eternal purpose is to have a building as a mingling of Himself with His chosen people; whatever God does among His people and among the nations on earth is for His building.**
- ③ **Christ is both the One who builds the church as God's house and the element with which the church is built; for God's building we need the humanity of Jesus—His human life in resurrection.**
- ④ **Glory is the expression of God, and building is the corporate expression of the Triune God; the glory of God and the building of God go together, for the church, as God's building, is the corporate expression of God.**

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Message One

The Dry Bones Being Enlivened to Become an Exceedingly Great Army and the Two Pieces of Wood Being Joined Together for the Building of the House of God

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 37:1-28

- Ezek 37:1 The hand of Jehovah came upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of Jehovah and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.
- Ezek 37:2 And He caused me to pass all around among them, and there were very many on the surface of the valley, and they were also very dry.
- Ezek 37:3 And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Jehovah, You know.
- Ezek 37:4 Then He said to me, Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:5 Thus says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.
- Ezek 37:6 And I will put sinews on you and bring flesh back on you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you will know that I am Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- Ezek 37:8 And I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh came back, and skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.
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- Ezek 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 exceedingly great army.
- Ezek 37:11 Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Now they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.
- Ezek 37:12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Now I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.
- Ezek 37:13 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people.
- Ezek 37:14 And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and that I have performed it, declares Jehovah.
- Ezek 37:15 The word of Jehovah came again to me, saying,
- Ezek 37:16 And you, son of man, take one piece of wood, and write upon it, For Judah and for the children of Israel associated with him; then take another piece of wood, and write upon it, For Joseph, the piece of wood of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel associated with him;
- Ezek 37:17 And bring them together, one side to the other, into one piece of wood, that they may become united in your hand.
- Ezek 37:18 And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, Will you not tell us what you mean by these?
- Ezek 37:19 Say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I am about to take the piece of wood of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel associated with him; and I will put them upon it, that is, the piece of wood of Judah, and make them one piece of wood, and they will be one in My hand.
- Ezek 37:20 And the pieces of wood on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.
- Ezek 37:21 And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I am about to take the children of Israel from among the nations, where they have gone, and I will gather them from all around and bring them into their own land.
- Ezek 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king will be king

to all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, nor will they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all.

Ezek 37:23 They will not defile themselves any longer with their idols, or their detestable things, or any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned, and I will cleanse them. Therefore they will be My people, and I will be their God.

Ezek 37:24 And My Servant David will be King over them, and they all will have one Shepherd. They will also walk in My ordinances and observe My statutes and do them.

Ezek 37:25 And they will dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers dwelt; and they will dwell in it, they, their children, and their children's children, forever. And David My Servant will be their Prince forever.

Ezek 37:26 I will also make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them there and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forever,

Ezek 37:27 And My tabernacle will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

Ezek 37:28 Then the nations will know that I am Jehovah, who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary will be in their midst forever.

I. The book of Ezekiel has four main sections:

- A. The first section, consisting of chapter 1, speaks of the glorious vision of God and reveals the holy God in His glory.
- B. The second section, composed of chapters 2 through 32, speaks of God's judgment to deal with all things and matters that do not match His righteousness, holiness, and glory.
- C. The third section, which includes chapters 33 through 39, concerns God's recovery of a remnant of His people; this indicates that the main idea in this section is the Lord's recovery.
- D. The fourth section, consisting of chapters 40 through 48, speaks about God coming to build His beloved recovered people into His dwelling place; this section is devoted to the matter of God's building.

II. In the book of Ezekiel there are three chapters which may be considered great chapters in the Bible—chapter 1, chapter 37, and chapter 47:

- A. Each of these chapters may be represented by a single word: chapter 1—fire; chapter 37—breath; and chapter 47—water.
- B. Chapter 37 reveals that the Lord comes to revive His dead and scattered people and to make them one; because they had become dead, dry bones, they needed to be enlivened and joined together.

III. Ezekiel 37 reveals how God's Spirit comes into us in order to enliven us so that we may become a corporate Body formed into an army and also built up as God's dwelling place—vv. 1-28:

- A. The vision of the dry bones shows that before God came in to renew and regenerate us, we were not only sinful and filthy (36:25) but also dead and buried in "graves" of various sinful, worldly, and religious things (37:12-13).

Ezek 36:25 And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean; from all your filthiness and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Ezek 37:12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Now I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

Ezek 37:13 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, O My people.

B. We were like dead and dry bones, disjointed and scattered, having no oneness:

1. Whether we were an unsaved sinner or a backslidden believer, this was our situation; not only unbelieving sinners need to be delivered from their graves, but even many brothers and sisters need to be revived and delivered from death and from their graves.
2. Today many Christians are buried in the graves of denominations, sects, divisions, independent groups, and different movements.
3. Formerly, we were in such graves, dead, dry, scattered, disjointed, and not connected to anyone, but the Lord is the Savior of the dead; God's word here is to cause a dead person to become a living person—John 5:25; Eph. 2:1-8.

John 5:25 Truly, truly, I say to you, An hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Eph 2:1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,

Eph 2:2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

Eph 2:3 Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest;

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Eph 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

Eph 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

C. Ezekiel's prophesying in Ezekiel 37 was not a matter of predicting but a matter of speaking forth, declaring, something for the Lord—vv. 4-5:

Ezek 37:4 Then He said to me, Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah.

Ezek 37:5 Thus says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

1. When Ezekiel spoke forth, God gave people the Spirit—vv. 10, 14.

Ezek 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 exceedingly great army.

Ezek 37:14 And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and that I have performed it, declares Jehovah.

2. The main meaning of prophesying in the Bible is not to predict but to speak forth the Lord, to minister the Lord to people:

a. "He who prophesies builds up the church"—1 Cor. 14:4b.

1 Cor 14:4b ... but he who prophesies builds up the church.

b. "You can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged"—v. 31.

1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

c. Prophesying, speaking for God and speaking forth God with God as the content, ministers God to the hearers and brings them to God; the church meeting should be filled with God, and all its activities should convey and transmit God to people so that they may be infused with God—vv. 24-25.

1 Cor 14:24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;

1 Cor 14:25 The secrets of his heart become manifest; and so falling on his face, he will worship God, declaring that indeed God is among you.

d. In order to prophesy, we must be a man of God with the breath of God—2 Tim. 3:16-17:

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

1) Our reading of the Bible should be a kind of inhaling, and our teaching of the Bible should be a kind of exhaling.

2) When we are speaking for the Lord, we should have the sense that we are exhaling God and that the recipients are inhaling God.

e. Prophesying makes us an overcomer; prophesying is the function of the overcomers—1 Cor. 14:3, 4b; cf. Matt. 16:18.

1 Cor 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.

1 Cor 14:4b ... but he who prophesies builds up the church.

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

3. As Ezekiel was prophesying, God was blowing upon the dry bones, sending the wind, the breath, and the Spirit—Ezek. 37:4-10, 14:

Ezek 37:4 Then He said to me, Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah.

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Ezek 37:6 And I will put sinews on you and bring flesh back on you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you will know that I am Jehovah.

Ezek 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

Ezek 37:8 And I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh came back, and skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Ezek 37:9 Then He said to me, Prophesy to the wind; prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.

Ezek 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 exceedingly great army.

Ezek 37:14 And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, Jehovah, have spoken and that I have performed it, declares Jehovah.

a. The Hebrew word ruach is variously translated “wind,” “breath,” “spirit” in verses 5 through 10 and 14.

Ezek 37:5 Thus says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

Ezek 37:6 And I will put sinews on you and bring flesh back on you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you will know that I am Jehovah.

Ezek 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

Ezek 37:8 And I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh came back, and skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

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b. In spiritual experience, when God blows on us, His breath is the wind; when we breathe the wind, it is the breath; and when the breath is within us, it is the Spirit.

c. When Ezekiel prophesied, God blew the wind, the people received the breath, and the breath became the Spirit, the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6.

1 Cor 15:45b ...the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2 Cor 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

4. When Ezekiel prophesied the first time (Ezek. 37:7), there was a noise and a rattling, and all the bones came together; when we come together in the meetings and make a joyful noise by calling on the Lord and praising Him (Psa. 95:1; cf. Lam. 3:55-56; John 20:22; Hymns, #255), we are truly one.

Ezek 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

Psa 95:1 Come, let us sing for joy to Jehovah; / Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Lam 3:55 I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit.

Lam 3:56 You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my breathing, at my cry.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

Hymns #255

1

O Lord, breathe Thy Spirit on me, Teach me how to breathe Thee in;
Help me pour into Thy bosom All my life of self and sin.

(Chorus) I am breathing out my sorrow, Breathing out my sin;

I am breathing, breathing, breathing, All Thy fulness in.

2

I am breathing out my own life, That I may be filled with Thine;
Letting go my strength and weakness, Breathing in Thy life divine.

3

Breathing out my sinful nature, Thou hast borne it all for me;
Breathing in Thy cleansing fulness, Finding all my life in Thee.

4

I am breathing out my sorrow, On Thy kind and gentle breast;
Breathing in Thy joy and comfort, Breathing in Thy peace and rest.

5

I am breathing out my sickness, Thou hast borne its burden too;
I am breathing in Thy healing, Ever promised, ever new.

6

I am breathing out my longings In Thy listening, loving ear;
I am breathing in Thy answers, Stilling every doubt and fear.

7

I am breathing every moment, Drawing all my life from Thee;
Breath by breath I live upon Thee, Lord, Thy Spirit breathe in me.

5. When Ezekiel prophesied the second time (Ezek. 37:10), the breath came into the “very dry” (v. 2, cf. v. 11) and dead bones, “and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great army” (v. 10), to fight the battle for God.

Ezek 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 exceedingly great army.

Ezek 37:2 And He caused me to pass all around among them, and there were very many on the surface of the valley, and they were also very dry.

Ezek 37:11 Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Now they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.

IV. The two lifeless pieces of wood symbolize the two parts of the divided nation of Israel, the southern kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Israel—v. 16:

Ezek 37:16 And you, son of man, take one piece of wood, and write upon it, For Judah and for the children of Israel associated with him; then take another piece of wood, and write upon it, For Joseph, the piece of wood of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel associated with him;

- A. These two kingdoms could not be one, and in the eyes of the Lord they were thoroughly dead and dried up.
- B. After being enlivened and by the growth in life, they can be joined together and become one—v. 17.

Ezek 37:17 And bring them together, one side to the other, into one piece of wood, that they may become united in your hand.

- C. This is very similar to grafting, in which two branches are joined and eventually grow together—Rom. 6:5; 11:17, 24:

Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree,

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree!

1. Growing together denotes an organic union in which growth takes place, so that one partakes of the life and characteristics of the other; in the organic union with Christ, whatever Christ passed through has become our history.
2. His death and resurrection are now ours because we are in Him and are organically joined to Him; this is grafting—v. 24.

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3. Such a grafting (1) discharges all our negative elements, (2) resurrects our God-created

faculties, (3) uplifts our faculties, (4) enriches our faculties, and (5) saturates our entire being to transform us.

- D. Whereas the dry bones in Ezekiel 37:1-14 are for forming an army to fight the battle for God, the pieces of wood in verses 16 through 22 are for the building of the house of God as His dwelling place.

- Ezek 37:1 The hand of Jehovah came upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of Jehovah and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.
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Ezek 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king will be king to all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, nor will they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all.

V. The revelation in this chapter shows that the unique way to have the Body, the church, and the house of God in the genuine oneness is the way of life:

A. When the breath entered into the dead ones, it became life to them, and they lived and stood up in oneness to become an exceedingly great army.

B. The dry bones in verses 1 through 14 and the two dead branches in verses 16 and 17 became one not by gifts or by teaching but by life.

Ezek 37:1 The hand of Jehovah came upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of Jehovah and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

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Ezek 37:17 And bring them together, one side to the other, into one piece of wood, that they may become united in your hand.

C. The dead bones and the dead branches were enlivened and became one as the issue of the dispensing of life and the growth in life—cf. John 17:2, 11, 17, 21-23; Eph. 4:11-16.

John 17:2 Even as You have given Him authority over all flesh to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

- John 17:11 And I am no longer in the world; yet they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are.
- John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
- John 17:21 That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.
- John 17:22 And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;
- John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.
- Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,
- Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,
- Eph 4:13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
- Eph 4:14 That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,
- Eph 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.