#### Ezekiel Part 4, Week 2, Ezekiel 36-37 Restoration of Israel: Dry Bones and the New Covenant

#### **Day 1 New Covenant**

- 1. Please start your study with at least 10 minutes of concentrated prayer for God to really open up chapters 36 and 37 for you personally.
- 2. Now, just read Ezekiel 36-37.
- 3. Now, after you have read Ezekiel 36-37, go back and read it word for word. Slow your reading down enough so that you are picking up the details as you go. Be on the alert for key words that we have already identified in other weeks of study. However, do not mark them at this time.
- 4. Now, after you have read through Ezekiel 36-37, slowly and with discernment, go back and reread chapters 36-37. These chapters are written for a future time (to Ezekiel) when the Lord will cause the two houses of Israel (all 12 tribes) to return to the land from all the places in the world in which they have been scattered. Did you discern anything new from this time of reading? Record your new insight(s) below:
- 5. Give each of the two chapters a name.
  - a. Chapter 36:
  - b. Chapter 37:

#### Day 2-4 – Chapters 36-37 – These Dry Bones

# Ezekiel 36-God will return captive Israel to the Land for His Name's Sake; Promise of the New Covenant

Please mark the following key repeated words in your own unique way for Ezekiel chapter 36:

all references to God as before, including "Lord," "LORD," "Lord GOD," "I am the LORD" with the same marking; also mark "Lord GOD," as "Sovereign" all references to Israel, "men," "My People Israel," "the house of Israel," "your nation," "the people of the LORD," the same as before, including all pronouns all references to "the mountains of Israel," "the mountains," "the hills," "the ravines," "the valleys," "the desolate wastes," "forsaken cities," and "the land of Israel," "cities," "waste places," as one marking (think of all of these as land) all references to Ezekiel as before, including "Son of man" the phrase: "thus says the Lord GOD," as before; include "declares the Lord GOD," "I

have spoken," "the word of the LORD came to me saying," as one marking as before the phrase: "hear, the word of the Lord," and "hear, the word of the Lord GOD," as one the phrase: "will know that I am the LORD," as the same marking as before "the nations," as before "surely in the fire of My jealousy," and "behold, I have spoken in My jealousy," as one "wrath," as before "covenant," as before "idols," "abominations," as before "My holy name" "heart," as before

"My statutes," "My ordinances," as one marking as before "iniquities," "uncleanness," as one marking as before the phrase: "like a flock," and "like the flock," as the same marking

Mark all references to time in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheets, i.e. "then," and "on the day"

Mark all references to the word "therefore" in some unique way in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheet. What is the "therefore," there for in Ezekiel 36:3, 36:4, 36:5, 36:6, 36:7, 36:14, 36:18, 36:22? What statement(s) precede the "therefore" that gives the reader understanding?

36:3

36:4

36:5

36:6

36:7

36:14

36:18

36:22

Make a list describing the acts of the enemy nations to the land of Israel.

Please refer to Genesis 12:3 for the answers to these questions. What did God promise the nations who blessed Israel? What did God promise the nations who cursed Israel?
Make a list of the words of the LORD spoken to the mountains of Israel ("the mountains," "the hills," "the ravines," "the valleys," "the desolate wastes," "forsaken cities," and "the land of Israel," "cities," "waste places," "the land."
Make a list of what God will do for the nation Israel. See 36:22-38.
Make a list of what God will do for His Name's sake. See 36:22-23.
Contrast the judgment about to be inflicted on Israel's enemies and the blessings that Israel will receive from God when He restores them to their own land.
Contrast and compare the decimation of the nation and the land during the three sieges on Jerusalem with what God will do for the nation and the land once He brings them back from world-wide dispersion. Why was the land decimated before the Jews were carted off into captivity the first time? What had they done to the land and in the land? See 36:16-21.

From your understanding of history, what was the land like in Palestine before the Jews returned to it in 1948? What happened to this land once the Jews were living in the land once again?

Is the promise of blessing (the fruitfulness of the land) for the first return of the Jews to the land or their second return to the land? This could be a trick question. Has this happened as of yet?

Did the Jews return to the land in 1948? Did they return, in faith, to the land in 1948?

When will Israel be assured of her inheritance? When will she never be deprived of her children again? See 36:8-12.

Will there be a time in Israel's history when she will be restored to her former position of prestige among the nations? See 36:13-15.

Describe the future nation's restoration according to the three counts of this phrase, "Thus says the Lord God," in verses 22,33, and 37.

Why did God restore Israel? See 36:22-23. Did Israel have special status that caused God to restore her? Was God's reputation on the line or was it something else that prompted Him to save Israel?

Will Israel's restoration be just physical or is there to be a spiritual component to it also? See 36:24-32.

What will Israel's new nature be like?

What will the relationship between Israel and God look like once Israel is completely restored?

When Israel ponders on her former sins, what will she realize about God's grace, His favor?

Do you see Israel as an object lesson of God's grace to the nations who surround her today? At this time in history, have the nations who surround Israel, been forced to acknowledge that the God of the Israelites (Israelis) is the sovereign Lord GOD?

Is there a time in Israel's future (today) when all Jews from all parts of the world will "flock" to the land and make the cities swell in population? See 36:37-38.

Please record the theme of Chapter 36 on the individual double-spaced worksheet for Ezekiel 36 and on the Ezekiel Theme Summary Chart in the Appendix.

#### Ezekiel 37 – O dead, dry bones going to rise again and the two shall become one

Please mark the following key repeated words in your own unique way for Ezekiel chapter 37:

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all references to God as before, including "Lord," "LORD," "Lord GOD," "I am the LORD" with the same marking; also mark "Lord GOD," as "Sovereign"
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all references to Israel the same or "My people," "the whole house of Israel," "all the house of Israel," "the sons of your people," "the sons of Israel," "the tribes of Israel," "one nation," "two nations," "two kingdoms," as you marked "Israel" in the past including all pronouns referring to them

all references to Ezekiel as before, including "Son of man"

all references to "detestable things," "idols," as one marking as before

"sin," "transgressions," as same marking as before

the phrase: "thus says the Lord GOD," as before; include "declares the Lord," as one marking as before

the phrase: "hear the word of the LORD," as before

the phrase: "you will know that I am the LORD," as the same marking as before

"statutes" and "ordinances," as before

"breath," "breathe," as one marking

"My Spirit" and "the Spirit of the LORD," as before

"Prophesy"

<sup>&</sup>quot;bones"

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"life," "alive," as one marking
"graves"
"stick(s)" and all pronouns
"king"
"prince"
"My sanctuary"
"My dwelling place"
"covenant," as before
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Mark all references to time in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheets, i.e. "then," "again," "when," "no longer," "forever"

Mark all references to the word "therefore" in some unique way in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheet. What is the "therefore," there for in Ezekiel 37:12? What statement(s) precede the "therefore(s)" that gives the reader understanding?

Describe the "bones" before they had life breathed into them.

Describe the "bones" after they were given breath.

Where did the "breath" come from according to 37:9?

Let's take a look at the words, "breath," and "breathe," in our concordance and dictionary study tools. What is the reference number for "breath" as it is used in Ezekiel 37?

All the references to "breath" in chapter 37 are from source number 7307. The Hebrew word for 7307 is "ruah." In my Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament Words, "ruah" can mean "breath; air; strength, wind, breeze, spirit, courage, temper, or Spirit.". Of course, in Ezekiel 37, "ruah" is translated for us as "breath." To have breath is to have life. What do you do to a drowning victim once you have him lying flat on dry ground? You give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. What is the purpose of doing this? What are you hoping for in regards to this victim? You want to revive this drowning victim, give him back his means of staying alive, start him breathing again. See Judges 15:19. Interestingly, "ruah" can also mean speech that comes from one's mouth, i.e., Psalm 33:6.1

<sup>1</sup> Vines Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, p. 240.

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This is just a think question, but do you think that "ruah" here in Ezekiel 37 could also be translated Spirit as in Holy Spirit? Go back and review the New Covenant in 36:24-28. If this is a possibility, what are the implications here? Is there to be a national, physical revival of the Jews to the land and a separate revival that will awaken Israel spiritually, open them up to God living within them?

The only reference to "breathed," is from source number 5301. The word used here is "naphach." It is also used in Genes 2:7, "then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

Is there anything that is impossible for God to do? Is He the Author of life itself? Is He the One who first breathed life into Mankind? What do you think God was looking for in Ezekiel when He asked him the question, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

Is God's revival of some old Jewish bones back into life any more outrageous than His breathing breath (life) into Man back in the beginning? Can God gather His People for the second time and return them to the land He gave them and breathe life into them once again? Can He make a great army of them?

Has God breathed new life into Israel as of yet? Or is this yet in the future? Will some other major change for Israel be the necessary catalyst to bring "the whole house of Israel," back to life? Just write down your thoughts here; I just want you thinking on this.

Does the promise of God's restoration depend on Israel or on God alone? Look at the emphasis on "I will" or God will in 37:5-6?

What will Israel know when God puts sinews on them, makes flesh to grow on them, covers them with skin, and breathes life into them according to 37:6?

What is the second sign of Israel's restoration in 37:15-28?

What was to be written on the first stick of wood?

What was to be written on the second stick of wood?

How was Ezekiel to hold the two sticks once their respective names were written on them? See 37:18-23 for the interpretation.

After King Solomon died the nation of Israel split into two houses, the house of Israel, the Northern Kingdom of 10 tribes, and the house of Judah, the Southern Kingdom of two tribes, Judah and Benjamin. They were not a united kingdom. What is God saying about Israel's unification when He restores Israel to life? Is this true in Israel today?

What will Israel be once she has been cleansed from her sins and transgressions according to 37:27?

When Israel is united again, who will be their King? Who will be their Prince?

To whom do you think this refers, David or the Lord Jesus Christ?

Where will Israel's eternal inheritance be?

Where will God's presence be during this time? How long will God's presence be there?

What form will His visual presence take during this time?

Please record the theme of chapter 37 on the individual worksheet for Ezekiel 37 and on the Ezekiel Theme Summary Chart in the Appendix.

#### **Day 5 - Personal reflection:**

These questions are as much for me as they are for you.

Reminisce on a time you have stood up for God and His Name. How did your colleagues or your fellow employees respond? How did they respond to you? How did you feel afterwards?

What are some ways that we blaspheme God's name in our world, today?

How do we, as Christians, use His Name improperly?

Will God hold us accountable for the way we use His Name? Will God hold those who are not His accountable for the way they use His Name? How serious is this?

How does God defend His Name in our world today?

How did God breathe new life into you? When did He breathe this new life into you?

Did you receive a new heart when He breathed new life into you? How is this new heart different from your old heart?

How do you respond to His statutes and ordinances today that is different from how you responded before you were given new life?

When you received this new heart, did God's Holy Spirit take up residency in your life?

How has your life been like dry, dead bones in the past? Do you still have any of those old bones with you? If so, what are those dead dry bones? Give a name to them.

If God can raise up old, dry, bones and give life to them again for the Nation of Israel, and He can, can He bring forth life from death for you?

What are some of the things in your life that you need to put to death?

I think this passage of Scripture in Ezekiel 38 is talking about the restoration of Israel, not individual Believers today or in the past. However, with this in mind, I'm still going to ask this question: has there been a time in your life when God resurrected your dry, dead bones and put sinews, flesh, and skin on them, and breathed new life into them? Explain below:

How do you respond to unsaved people?

How is an evangelical sermon to unsaved people like God saying to Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" Could Ezekiel do anything, within his own power, to make the bones live? Can a pastor say anything to the unsaved that will make them seek salvation? Who draws them to God? Who saves them? What does God have to say to them?

What can you say? What should you speak to the dry bones of the world with which you come into contact?

In your own conversion, was all that happened to you afterwards, instantaneous or was it a gradual process?

How are the restored bones of Israel with sinew, flesh, and skin on them, but without breath, like the unsaved today?

Do you think that Israel's restoration will be a process (bones scattered, bones came together and sinew and flesh and skin came on them, the bones were made alive) or instantaneous?

1 John 5:12 says this, "He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life." This is pretty plain, isn't it? If you have Jesus as your Savior in your life, you are alive, but if you do not, then you are dead. There are two kinds of folk in this life: dead and living, not mostly dead like Wesley in the <u>Princess Bride</u>-all dead!

John 3:36 says this, "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." This, too, is pretty plain talk: the person without the Son in his life is dead.

How will these verses from God's Word change your life this week?

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#### **Chapter 36**

#### Chapter Theme \_

- <u>36:1</u> "And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.
- <u>36:2</u> 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because the enemy has spoken against you, 'Aha!' and, 'The everlasting heights have become our possession,'
- <u>36:3</u> therefore, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "For good cause they have made you desolate and crushed you from every side, that you should become a possession of the rest of the nations, and you have been taken up in the talk and the whispering of the people.""
- <u>36</u>: <u>4</u> Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities, which have become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about.
- <u>36:5</u> therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey."
- <u>36:6</u> Therefore, prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have endured the insults of the nations.'
- <u>36:7</u> "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'I have sworn that surely the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults.
- 36:8 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.
- 36:9 'For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be cultivated and sown.
- 36:10 'And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.
- 36:11 'And I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.
- <u>36:12</u> 'Yes, I will cause men My people Israel to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.'
- 36:13 "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because they say to you, "You are a devourer of men and have bereaved your nation of children,"

- <u>36:14</u> therefore, you will no longer devour men, and no longer bereave your nation of children,' declares the Lord GOD.
- 36:15 "And I will not let you hear insults from the nations anymore, nor will you bear disgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to stumble any longer," declares the Lord GOD."
- 36:16 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,
- 36:17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.
- 36:18 "Therefore, I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.
- 36:19 "Also I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.
- 36:20 "When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.'
- <u>36:21</u> "But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.
- 36:22 "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.
- 36:23 "And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord GOD, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.
- 36:24 "For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.
- 36:25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
- 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- <u>36:27</u> "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.
- 36:28 "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.
- 36:29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.

- 36:30 "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.
- 36:31 "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.
- 36:32 "I am not doing this for your sake," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"
- 36:33 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.
- $\underline{36:34}$  "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by.  $\underline{3}$
- 36:35 "And they will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.'
- 36:36 "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it."
- <u>36:37</u> 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.
- <u>36:38</u> "Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD.""

#### Chapter 37

### Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- <u>37:1</u> The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.
- <u>37:2</u> And He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry.
- 37:3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, Thou knowest."
- 37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'
- 37:5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.
- 37:6 'And I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'"

- <u>37:7</u> So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- <u>37:8</u> And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew, and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.
- 37:9 Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.""
- <u>37:10</u> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life, and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.
- 37:11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.'
- 37:12 "Therefore prophesy, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.
- 37:13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.
- 37:14 "And I will put My Spirit within you, and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."
- 37:15 The word of the LORD came again to me saying,
- 37:16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, 'For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'
- 37:17 "Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.
- 37:18 "And when the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?'
- <u>37:19</u> say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."'
- <u>37:20</u> "And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.
- <u>37:21</u> "And say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

- <u>37:22</u> and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.
- 37:23 "And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.
- 37:24 "And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.
- 37:25 "And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant shall be their prince forever.
- 37:26 "And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.
- <u>37:27</u> "My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- 37:28 "And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.""

### The People Blessed - "Thus says the Lord God" - Ezekiel 36

The Judgment of the nations vs. Israel's Restoration - 36:1-15	The people of Israel who will be the personal recipients of God's blessing - 36:16-38
36:1-7 God swears that the nations who have spoken against Israel will also suffer the same fate Israel has suffered by the hand of the other nations -because, therefore sequencing -Israel will be desolate and crushed from every side and will become a possession of the other nations -Israel has become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations -Israel has been appropriated by the other nations for themselves -Israel has had to endure the insults of the other nations  36:8-12 In contrast to the judgment about to be inflicted on Israel's enemies, Israel, herself, could loook forward to restoration and blessing: -branches will produce fruit for Israel -numerical growth both men and beast, cities inhabited, waste places rebuilt -land will prosper and Israel will have permanence there once restored -God will remove Israel's reproach - no longer endure the insults of other nations, nor bear disgrace -God will restore Israel's position in the world - the nation will not stumble	36:16-21 Ezekiel reminds the exiles of their past sins which have caused the judgment of God to fall on them: -their conduct while in the land -the bloodshed -the idolatry -their profaning of God's holy name while out of the land  The nation's restoration: 36:22-23 Thus says the Lord God - the other nations viewed the Sovereign Lord through the actions of Israel - this tainted His name among the nations. When God restores the nation of Israel, it will be because of His character, not because of Israel's intrinsic value  36:24-32 Timeline of Israel's restoration -36:24 physical restoration -36:25-27 spiritual restoration -36:28 relationship with God restoration 36:33-36 Thus says the Lord God- when Israel is restored to the land, these things will happen: -land will become like Garden of Eden -cities formerly ruined will be fortified and inhabited -rebuilding of Israel will force the surrounding nations to acknowledge God's sovereignty, God's grace  36:37-38 Thus says the Lord God - when Israel restored to the land - God will cause their numbers to swell like flocks

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### **The Nation Restored - Ezekiel 37**

The Vision of the Dry Bones - Ezekiel 37:1-14	The Two Sticks United
Bones - 37:1-10 very dry, bleached, baked in the sun "Ezekiel, can these bones live?" - only God could accomplish "Ezekiel, prophesy to these bones" - God will breathe life into they came together 37:7 flesh developed, skin covered them 37:8 breath entered into them 37:10	Two sticks 37:15-17 Ezekiel to write "Judah" on one Ezekiel to write "Ephraim" on the other Ezekiel was to hold them together as one Pictured God's restoring and reuniting His people in the land as a single nation
Vision - referred to Israel's national restoration - 37:11-14 physical restoration spiritual restoration all depended on God's character, not them	Israel 37:18-28 cleansed from backsliding, He will be their God, they, His people when united, Israel will be led by David when united, David will be their prince/covenant of peace when united, God's presence with them forever S.G. will be His sanctuary: visible presence of God Temple will be visual for world to know that He is in their midst

Israel's future restoration seemed remote after fall to Babylon, so God put the greater emphasis on His personal character as the basis for the fulfillment

What the Bible says about the Bible	What the Qur'an Says about the Qur'an/ Bible
His Word is unchanging, consistent & infallible <>	The Bible has changed and is not unchangeable; the Qur'an denies the content of the Bible: the stories have been changed around: -Mary, the mother of Jesus is also Miriam, Moses' sister -Mary, the mother of Jesus is also the daughter of Hannah, in Samuel -the pharaoh of Egypt was to build the tower of Babel through Hamen in the Medo-Persian empire -the army of Gideon was also the army of King Saul, Israel's first king
The Bible is the Word of God <>	the Qur'an is the word of Allah -Allah protects the writings of the Qur'an -the Qur'an completes the Bible, yet denies its content
What Jehovah and the Bible say about God's Name and Character	What Allah and the Qur'an say about Allah's name and character
YHWH - only One True God <> God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: Isaac son of Promise, Abraham took Isaac up on Mt. Moriah to sacrifice him to God YHWH is immutable <>	Allah is the only one true god God of Abraham and Ishmael: Ishmael son of Promise, Abraham took Ishmael up on Mt. Moriah to sacrifice him to God Allah changes daily; does as he pleases, the Muslims say that Allah is same god as the Christian/Jewish God but by another name, yet Allah rejects the Christian and the Jew; in some countried, i.e., in Malaysia if call Christian "God" "allah" you are put into jail
YHWH is One, yet one of His names is Elohim (plural shown in "im" ending) <	Allah is one, but all alone; begets not nor is begotten; no children  deny deny deny deny deny deny deny d
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What Jehovah and the Bible say about God's Name and Character (Continued)	What Allah and the Qur'an say about Allah's name and character (Continued)
Creator - Elohim <	"Allah" is pre-Islamic name -it is blasphemy to search "Allah's" name back to any root word; why? b/c it will lead you back to the "moon god" -it is blasphemy in Malaysia to refer to Christian God as "allah" will be put in jail Creator
Jesus Christ shared in Creation; He created every thing good or very good Consistent in Righteousness <> Faithful in His promises <	Not consistent, does as pleases
Lord of Lords King of Kings Savior	*italics are actually names for Allah from Qur'an
What the Jehovah and the Bible say about us	What the Allah and the Qur'an Say about his followers
Live under Christ's Lordship as His children <>	
Do good to all; love enemies <>	
Live in peace with all men/love your enemies <> Obey the governing authorities <>	nority and fear them or if you want to try and convert them to Islam  If government not Muslim - don't obey government; obey the sinner, not the unbeliever
God is always near to them who call on Him, He dwells among His people, has engraved our names on the palms of His hands; He is with us in the fiery furnace, through the Holy Spirit, pillar of cloud by day and fire by night <> God loves me more than my spouse loves me; my hairs are all numbered, whoever touches me and hurts me, touches Him and hurts Him; He is always with us even in being hurt	Allah's relationship to his followers = a taskmaster over slaves
Special grace allowed us to be part of His kingdom; our names are written in the book of Life <>	Allah not at all interested in salvation of Mankind

Christianity - who is Jesus?	Islam - who is Jesus?
Christians believe He is the Son of God, equal in Godhead to Father and the Holy Spirit; He is greater than Moses, Aaron, Joshua, David, etc see	
Hebrews <>	Muslims believe in Jesus, but Allah Ak-bar or Allah is greater than Jesus Qur'an uses word "Esau" for Jesus - slap in God's face - God hated Esau: actually, I think its the name "Issa"
The most important part of our faith - Jesus resurrected <	Qur'an denies the resurrection of Jesus
ther, Spirit, Son) <>	Qur'an says Christians have changed Scripture, made Jesus = God; and they worship three gods, not one
	Jesus is coming back someday but only to be a witness against the Christians = Jesus of the Qur'an is the anti-Christ
born of a virgin <> purpose for coming to die for sins of Mankind in order to redeem us <>	,
Christianity - the Great Commission?	Islam - the great commission = eschatology
We are to be pro-active in bringing others to Christ	They are to be proactive to make their Mahdi come back sooner by creating chaotic enviornment, and waging jihad against Israel and the USA
Christianity - the Forerunner of the Messiah	- spreading Islam - the Forerunner of the Mahdi
John the Baptist - said he was not the Christ; he was not worthy to untie His sandals	Ahmadinejad - says he is not the Christ, but sees himself as John the Baptist - the forerunner of the Mahdi; the one appointed to lay the groundwork and herald his coming.
Jewish Prayers	Islamic Prayers
Jews put small papers with prayers on them into the wailing wall in Jerusalme hoping for God to answer them	Mahdi's birthday is Sept. 9, - people visit the well (where) the 12th Imam disappeard and put their papers with their prayers into the well hoping for the Mahdi to read and answer them
Judaism/Christianity - the Great Commandment	Jihadist - the great commandment
Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength & neighbor as yourself	Muslims should love Jihad with all their heart, mind, soul, strength
Christian/Jewish Houses and Sects	Muslim Houses and Sects
House of Israel/ House of Judah Protestant, Catholic, Metphysical Jews, Gentiles, Kabbalah	House of Islam - majority Muslim/ House of War - minority Muslim Sunnis, Shias, Sophia (Islamic mysticism)

Christian Endtimes Eschatology	Shia Endtimes Eschatology
Joseph story - Joseph is a type of Christ - the suffering servant - left in a well; came back to life in a way - he was invisible to others while he was in the well>	from capturing him - became supernaturally invisible; many believe he
Christ will return at end of time, Messiah came first time for Jews; after tribulation period, return second time to establish righteousness, justice, peace>	Mahdi will return at end of history during a time of chaos, confusion to establish righteousness, justice, peace
When Christ comes back, He will bring the Saints with Him and He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Mohammad and the Mahdi will not be with Christ>	When Mahdi comes - says he will bring Jesus with him - Jesus will be a Muslim and will serve as the Mahdi's deputy
Jesus will strke the anti-Christ and all his followers dead when he comes back>	Jesus will perform Jihad under the Mahdi's commandership and will kill Dajjal - one who is similar to the Christian devil. Some believe that Jerusalem needs to be conquered before the Mahdi's return.
The seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments will kill many of the earth's population> Unholy trinity -anti-Christ, beast, satan>	Jesus and the Mahdi will kill 60-80% of the world's population. Unholy duo anti-Mahdi, a militan will arise know as Sofani w/ another anti-militant called Jallah who is comparitive to the anti-Christ of Christianity
Christ will come back 7 years after Tribulation begins> Christ will destroy the devil, the anti-Christ, the beast and all followers-> We're told there will be many who say they are the Christ, but we are to look for His sign in the sky - just like lightning goes from east to west,	
	People will recognize the Mahdi b/c an angel above his head will be shouting, 'this is the Mahdi. Follow him'
Jesus will slay all who are against Him in His second coming and them take up His throne in Jerusalem>	The Mahdi will conquer Jerusalem before establishing his caliphate in
When Jesus' feet touch down on Mt of Olives - great earthquake; also great earthquake during Trib when Jerusalem split in 7; Jews escape>	Sign of coming of Mahdi - a great earthquake
Jesus will appear in pants w/KoK & LoL's on side w/ resurrection scars> Art pictures Jesus wi/ glow & halo;Shekinah Glory?> End time imminent - Jesus 2nd coming imminent> In essence, we believe that until Jesus returns and sets up His throne in	Mahdi will have radiant head & heavely light & justice accompanying End times imminent - fiction and non-fiction books on rise re ET's Grandson of Ayatolla Khomeini - Hossein Khomeini speaks out against