
DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37

BREATH

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WIND

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SPIRIT

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- The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the Breathe/Wind/Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.
 - He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’
 - I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’
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THE HAND OF THE LORD

- Ezekiel 1:3; 3:14, 22; 8:1; 33:22; 40:1
 - For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we crossed over, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that **the hand of the Lord** is mighty, and so that you may fear the Lord your God for ever (Joshua 4: 23-24).
 - You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that **the hand of the Lord** is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies (Isaiah 66:14).
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Gesekiel erblickt viel Todten Bein auf Erden;
und Gott macht, daß daraus ein lebend Heer muß werden.



Glaub, ob mein Weib verdorrt, hier in der Erd,
daß ich, durch Jesum, doch einst auferstehen werd.

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- Then he said to me,
 - ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them:
 - O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
 - Thus says the Lord God to these bones:
 - I will cause Breathe/Wind/Spirit to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put Breathe/Wind/Spirit in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’
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- So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no Breathe/Wind/Spirit in them.
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- Then he said to me,
 - ‘Prophecy to the Breathe/Wind/Spirit, prophecy, mortal, and say to the Breathe/Wind/Spirit:
 - Thus says the Lord God:
 - Come from the four Breathes/Winds/Spirits, O Breathe/Wind/Spirit, and Breathe/Blow/Give Life upon these slain, that they may live.’
 - I prophesied as he commanded me, and the Breathe/Wind/Spirit came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.
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ISAIAH 49:19-21

Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land—
surely now you will be too crowded for your inhabitants,
and those who swallowed you up will be far away.

The children born in the time of your bereavement will yet say in your hearing:
‘The place is too crowded for me; make room for me to settle.’

Then you will say in your heart,

‘Who has borne me these?

I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away—
so who has reared these?

I was left all alone—

where then have these come from?’

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- Then he said to me,
 - ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel.
 - They say,
 - “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.”
 - Therefore prophesy, and say to them,
 - Thus says the Lord God:
 - I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my Breathe/Wind/
Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’
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There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:1-8).

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JEREMIAH 29:10-14

- For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.
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ROMANS 15:12-13

- Isaiah says,
 - ‘The root of Jesse shall come,
 - the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 - in him the Gentiles shall hope.’
 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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COLOSSIANS 1:25-27

- I became [the church's] servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
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