### Ezekiel

## Chapter 37

1Then the hand of the Lord came upon me and led me by the Breath of Jehovah into a field that was filled with human bones… 2He led me around them in a circle, and look; there were huge numbers [of bones] lying there in the field.  
  
3Then he said to me:  
  
 ‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Will these bones ever come back to life?’  
  
And I replied:  
  
 ‘O Lord; only you know the answer to such things!’  
  
4Then He told me to prophesy over the bones and say this:  
  
 ‘O dry bones!  
  
 ‘Hear the Word of Jehovah!  
  
 5‘For the Lord Jehovah says to these bones:  
  
 ‘{Look!} The breath of life, I will [blow] into you,  
 6Then upon you, I will lay nerves,  
 And over that, I’ll put flesh.  
 Then I will stretch skin over you,  
 And I’ll [breathe] My Breath into you  
 So that you will then come to life…  
 And you’ll know that I am Jehovah.’  
  
7Therefore, I started prophesying just as he had instructed me... And at the sound of my prophesying, {Look!} a great shaking occurred that joined those bones, bone against joint!  
  
8And as I was watching, I saw nerves and flesh [starting to grow]; and then [I saw] the skin growing over them. However, there still wasn’t any breath in the bodies.  
  
9Then he said to me:  
  
 ‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Now prophesy over the wind…  
 Tell the wind that thus says Jehovah the Lord:  
  
 From the four winds, send them breath…  
 Blow into these dead ones and make them alive!’  
  
10So I prophesied to the extent that he allowed me to do, and the wind entered them and they came to life… They stood up on their feet [and formed] a great crowd!  
  
11And the Lord spoke to me and said:  
  
 ‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘These bones are the house of IsraEl;  
 For they say these dry bones are just like their bones,  
 Since their hope was destroyed and they’ve perished.  
  
 12‘So, you must now prophesy,  
 And tell them that thus says Jehovah their Lord:  
  
 ‘{Look!} I’ll open your tombs and then lead you out…  
 To IsraEl’s land, I’ll return you.  
 13Then you’ll know that I am Jehovah,  
 When I lead you out of your graves.  
  
 ‘And, O my people…  
 When I bring you up from your graves,  
 14I’ll Breathe upon you and bring you to life.  
 Then I’ll lead you back to your land,  
 And you’ll know that I am Jehovah…  
 That I spoke and then I took action,’ says Jehovah!’  
  
15And the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 16‘And you, O son of man,  
  
 ‘Now, take a stick for yourself,  
 And write upon it, these words:  
  
 ‘Judah and the sons of IsraEl.’  
  
 ‘Do this for those who’ll be sitting before you.  
 Then, take a second stick for yourself,  
 And write this before all those sitting there:  
  
 ‘JoSeph, Ephraim’s rod.’  
  
 17‘You must then hold these sticks together,  
 And they will be bonded as one.  
 So, carry them out in your hands,  
 18And ask the sons of your people  
 What they think that this signifies.  
  
 19‘Then, tell them that thus says Jehovah, [their] God:  
  
 ‘{Look!} Through Ephraim’s hand, I’ll take JoSeph’s tribe  
 And the tribes of IsraEl that are living next door;  
 Then to the tribe of Judah, I’ll give them  
 So that they will become just one stick…  
 In the hands of Judah, they’ll all become one.’  
  
 20‘Then, take the two sticks upon which you wrote  
 And hold them towards them in your hands,  
 21And tell them that thus says Jehovah:  
  
 ‘{Look!} I’ll gather the house of IsraEl  
 From the midst of those nations where they have been sent…  
 I’ll gather them from the nations roundabout  
 And return them to IsraEl’s land.  
  
 22‘Yes, I will make them one nation again  
 In My land among IsraEl’s hills,  
 With one ruler who’ll be the king over all.  
  
 ‘They’ll be separate nations no longer…  
 They won’t be a kingdom divided,  
 23And by idols, they won’t be defiled,  
 Nor by their irreverence and failures.  
  
 ‘From their lawless ways, I will save them,  
 Yes, from all those ways in which they have sinned,  
 And thereafter, I will make them holy,  
 So they’ll be My people and I’ll be their God.  
  
 24‘My servant ‘David,’ will rule in their midst,  
 And there’ll be one ‘shepherd’ for all.  
 They will follow My orders…  
 They’ll know My decisions and do them!  
  
 25‘Then, they will live in the land  
 That I gave to My servant Jacob…  
 In this place where their fathers once settled.  
  
 ‘And throughout the age, both they and their sons  
 Will all be living together,  
 And be ruled by My servant ‘David.’  
  
 26‘With them, I will make an Agreement of peace…  
 An Agreement [that will last] throughout the ages.  
 I’ll resettle and multiply them,  
 And throughout the ages thereafter,  
 I’ll place My holy things in their midst.  
  
 27‘I’ll put My shelter among them;  
 Then they’ll be My people and I’ll be their God.  
 28And the nations will know that I am Jehovah  
 When My holy things are found there again  
 And I have declared them all holy.’