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A Vision of Life and Hope

Ezekiel 37:1-14



YOUR BIBLE READING

The vision announces restoration to Israel when the people feel their hope is lost.

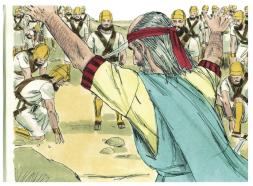
Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Ezekiel Sees a Valley in a Vision

Ezekiel 37:1-14



Ezekiel describes a vision given through God's Spirit. In the vision, he is set in a valley full of bones. He is led around them and sees that there are many and that they are very dry. The opening picture is stark, showing a place without visible life. It is important to remember from the start that this is a prophetic vision, not a report about children finding moving bones during an ordinary walk.

God asks whether these bones can live. Ezekiel answers that God knows. He does not claim to have a plan for making them live by himself. The question places the impossible-looking picture before God's knowledge and power. The passage will explain what the bones represent. Until that explanation comes, the reader follows what the prophet sees and hears rather than deciding that the vision is only meant to frighten people.

God tells Ezekiel to speak his message over the dry bones. The message says that breath will enter them and that they will live. They will be joined, covered with flesh and skin, and given life. This is not a technique offered for people to copy with bones. Within the vision, Ezekiel receives particular words to speak from God, and the remarkable change will happen as God's work rather than the prophet's independent power.

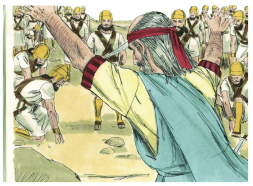
Ezekiel speaks as commanded. There is a noise and a shaking, and the bones come together. They become joined and covered as the message described. Yet there is still no breath in them. The account pauses at this distinction: a completed shape is not yet living. The prophet has obeyed the first instruction, but the vision has not reached its final movement. Another command will bring attention specifically to breath and life before the meaning is explained.

Remember: A vivid picture becomes clearer when I listen to the explanation given with it.

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Breath and the Promise Explained

Ezekiel 37:1-14



God tells Ezekiel to speak to the breath, calling it from the four winds to the slain so that they may live. Ezekiel again speaks as commanded. Breath enters them, and they live and stand on their feet, an immense company described as an army. The valley's opening picture of dryness has changed. The scene remains within the vision and should not be turned into a frightening tale about uncontrolled creatures wandering into children's homes.

God then explains the picture plainly. The bones are the whole house of Israel. The people have been saying that their bones are dry, their hope is lost, and they are completely cut off. The vision answers that despair. Its meaning concerns a people's restoration, not only an unexplained display of bodies becoming alive. The explanation gives readers the direction they need for understanding the striking images they have just followed.

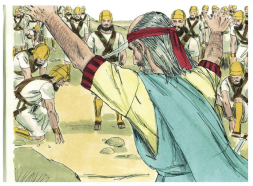
Ezekiel is told to bring another message: God will open his people's graves, bring them up, and bring them into the land of Israel. God will put his Spirit within them, give them life, and settle them in their own land. The grave imagery continues the picture of hopelessness being overcome. The people will know that God has spoken and acted. The promise is addressed to Israel in this prophetic message of restoration.

Reading the explanation with the vision keeps hope connected to its particular subject. We should not tell a grieving child that this passage guarantees an immediate return of someone who has died. Nor should we hide the great change the vision portrays. Ezekiel's message speaks to a community that feels finished and forgotten, using a remarkable picture to announce restored life through God's Spirit. Its final emphasis is God's stated purpose for his people, not the thrill of a frightening scene.

Pause and think: How does knowing what the bones represent change the way you understand this vision?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Let the Explanation Guide the Picture



Draw the vision with gentle symbols: a dry landscape, connected shapes, wind, and a group standing. You do not need to draw disturbing body details. Add a separate label saying that the vision concerns Israel's lost hope and promised restoration. Which symbol helps you remember the meaning? An illustration is clearer when the explanation stays close to the image instead of leaving it as a scary picture alone.

People sometimes describe a community as feeling cut off when it has lost home, safety, or connection. You can learn about such experiences respectfully without assuming everyone feels exactly the same. Ask a trusted adult what practical help communities rebuilding after loss may need. Listening, shelter, shared work, and dependable resources can matter. Those are present-day considerations, not extra events added to Ezekiel's vision.

If the bones or grave language worries you, pause and ask an adult to read the explanation with you. The passage is not a warning that strange creatures will appear near you. You can have questions and still learn from its hope. Speaking clearly about the kind of writing helps a powerful image become understandable rather than needlessly frightening.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

God explains Ezekiel’s vision as a promise of renewed life and restoration for the house of Israel.

How does knowing what the bones represent change the way you understand this vision?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What does God say the bones represent?

2. What is still missing after the bodies are formed?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ God explains the promise of restoration for Israel.
- ☐ Ezekiel sees dry bones and speaks the commanded message.
- ☐ Breath enters, and the company stands alive within the vision.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Use gentle symbols of dry ground, wind, and standing people, with a label explaining Israel's restoration.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

A vivid picture becomes clearer when I listen to the explanation given with it.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Ezekiel 37:11-14

A thoughtful conversation

Repeatedly identify this as a prophetic vision, explained in verses 11-14 as restoration of Israel. Avoid zombie imagery, frightening anatomy, or a promise that a particular deceased person will return now. The breath, Spirit, graves, and homeland language belong together in the passage's announced hope for a despairing community.

Activity answers

1. They represent the whole house of Israel.
2. Breath is still missing until Ezekiel speaks the next commanded message.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me understand difficult pictures and care about communities longing for hope.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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