

The Prophet Ezekiel has shown all followers of Christ or the Word that we are to be watchmen on this earth, speaking the truth of the gospel to everyone we meet. From the rapture, judgement, heaven, hell, sin and the penalty for our sin, Ezekiel laid out the template for the minister of the gospel and to all christians on what and how to live and speak.

We, you and I as followers of Jesus Christ cannot turn our backs on the perishing and go our own righteous way without being held accountable for those who die in sin that we could have reached. God told Ezekiel to groan with a broken heart and bitter grief for the coming judgment, and through this prophetic book, Ezekiel is telling us the very same thing. This judgment is coming! It will surely take place, declares the Sovereign Lord!

Remember, we laid down the foundation in Part 1 that God used the prophets in the Old Testament for the people at that time and their message was for us today. In Joel 2, the prophet is speaking to the church, right now about what is going to take place.

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Joel 2:28-29 KJV

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

29 Even upon the menservants and upon the maidservants in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

30 And I will show signs and wonders in the heavens, and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

32 <u>And whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be</u> <u>delivered and saved</u>, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the remnant [of survivors] shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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Remember Jesus said we need the promised Holy Spirit (foretold centuries earlier by the Never Wrong Prophet Joel) and why in the Last Days or End of Days.

John 16:8, 13 AMPC

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about <u>sin</u> and about <u>righteousness</u> (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about <u>judgment</u>:

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, <u>He</u> <u>will guide you into all the Truth</u> (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; <u>He will give the message that has</u> <u>been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the</u> <u>things that are to come [that will happen in the future].</u>

Then, in the book of Acts, what the Prophet Joel foretold happened...

Acts 1:1-17 AMPC

8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

<u>Acts 2:1-11 AMPC</u>

1 And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,

2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.

4 <u>And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the</u> <u>Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages</u> <u>(tongues), as the Spirit [a]kept giving them clear and loud expression</u> <u>[in each tongue in appropriate words].</u>

Note:

5 Now there were then residing in Jerusalem Jews, devout and Godfearing men from every country under heaven.

6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together and they were astonished and bewildered, because each one heard them [the apostles] speaking in his own [particular] dialect.

7 And they were beside themselves with amazement, saying, Are not all these who are talking Galileans?

8 Then how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own (particular) dialect to which we were born?

9 <u>Parthians and Medes</u> (Iran/easetern Iran) and <u>Elamites</u> (Iran) and inhabitants of <u>Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq incl. parts of present-day</u> Iran, Kuwait, Syria, Turkey), <u>Judea</u> (Israel) and <u>Cappadocia</u> (turkey), Pontus (Turkey)and [the province of] Asia (Roman Empire - Turkey,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia (Turkey), Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and the transient residents from Rome, both Jews and the proselytes [to Judaism from other religions],

11 Cretans and Arabians too—we all hear them speaking in our own native tongues [and telling of] the mighty works of God!

12 And all were beside themselves with amazement and were puzzled and bewildered, saying one to another, What can this mean?

In Acts 1 and 2 Peter continuously rightly identified "this is that which is spoken of by the Prophets"... and had that "light bulb" moment as only the Holy Spirit can do. Peter connected the dots when the Holy Spirit came upon him about: sin, judgment, righteousness and the "things that were already prophesied that were to come" and was happening and he immediately became a bold witness in way he never thought possible. Thousands upon thousands called upon the name of the Lord in order to be saved when he was filled with the power to be a bold witness by a change life.

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When people realized that this "thing" was written long ago and now has come true they were open to hear Peter speak of the prophesy that was given about the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well. That prophecy or fore-telling was brought forth or forth-telling by Peter as he rightly identified that this just happened and we need it today, the days we are living as well to remind us about sin, judgment, righteousness, things to come, peace, guiding into truth, to be a witness as a result of knowing the Word and being a changed. Habitually changing to be more like Jesus or the Word. If you love me... keep my commands. (John 14) Remember, in the New Testament when you see the word prophecy it can be foretelling and/or forth-telling. Forth-telling is a phrase that we would say is proclaiming a "present now" truth that was spoken in the past. So, this is bringing forth something the was fore told.

Prophet defined by 1828 Webster's Dictionary:

1. One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller.

2. a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Jeremiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel etc.

A prophet who foretells, by definition is never wrong. Proven that what they have said came true.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] <u>remember the former things</u>, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 <u>Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from</u> <u>ancient times the things that are not yet done,</u> saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

<u>Isaiah 46:9-10 KJV</u>

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10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

That is why Jesus commanded us to know the signs of the times to prepare us for this "Time Of The End"...

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

33 So also <u>when you see these signs, [a]all taken together, coming to</u> <u>pass,</u> you may know [b]of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

Luke 21:36 AMPC

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be *accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place*, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

Jesus has already spoken to the church of what will happen. He said we would need the holy Spirit to be our guide, our comfort and that He, the Holy Spirit would remind us of "things" that we have heard and read. You can't remember or recall something if you never heard it or read it. God does not want us to fear or become complacent about the Time Of the End.

<u>John 14:1-21 AMPC</u>

23 Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

24 Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

25 I have told you (his disciples - that's you and I) these things (promises in God Word) while I am still with you.

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], <u>He will</u> <u>teach you all things</u>. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you. 27 Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid**. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

28 You heard Me tell you, I am going away and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad, because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater and mightier than I am.

29 And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me.

Many of the "things" that Jesus or the Word has told us about regarding the Time Of The End is found in the book of Ezekiel. These things, that have already been written is what the Holy Spirit is going to remind you and I about so we are not fearful and can be bold - to witness.

In part 1 there was a prophecy about the nation of Israel in Ez. 37 which is the vision of the "valley of dry bones". Those who have survived the Holocaust, I'm speaking of jewish people and many scholars believe that this prophecy is about this particular time in world history.

<u>Ezekiel 37:1 KJV</u>

37 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.

The prophet is in a valley of bones that are dry. They are separated in different sections. There are skull bones in one section, back bones in one section, leg bones in another section. Ezekiel sees this in the vision and God asked him, can these dry bones live? Ezekiel answers and says, God, only you know.

<u>Ezekiel 37:3-9 AMPC</u>

3 And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, You know! 4 Again He said to me, Prophesy to these bones and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath and spirit to enter you, and you shall live;

6 And I will lay sinews upon you and bring up flesh upon you and cover you with skin, and I will put breath and spirit in you, and you [dry bones] shall live; and you shall know, understand, and realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a [thundering] noise and behold, a shaking and trembling and a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 And I looked and behold, there were sinews (tendons) upon [the bones] and flesh came upon them and skin covered them over, but there was no breath or spirit in them.

9 Then said He to me, Prophesy to the breath and spirit, son of man, and say to the breath and spirit, Thus says the Lord God: <u>Come from the</u> <u>four winds</u>, O breath and spirit, and breathe upon these slain that they may live.

The four winds always refers to the north, south, east and the west. So this is saying that there is going to be a regathering of the jewish people. We will be studying this as well in the weeks to come.

Let's read verse 10, this is a very important verse...

Ezekiel 37:10 AMPC

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath and spirit came into [the bones], and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great host (army).

This predicts that Israel will return to the land after being divided and separated after they looked like they were skeletons and become a great and might army in the land of Israel. This vision or prophecy says it will specifically be called Israel.

Ezekiel 37:11-12 AMPC

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 is lost; we are completely cut off.

12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves (grave is symbolic of death) and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you [back home] to the land of Israel.



When you go back in history and look at the video, pictures, images of the jewish people you will see that they were starved and were literally skin and bones. When they were found and brought back to the country they were literal skeletons with skin over the top of their bodies.

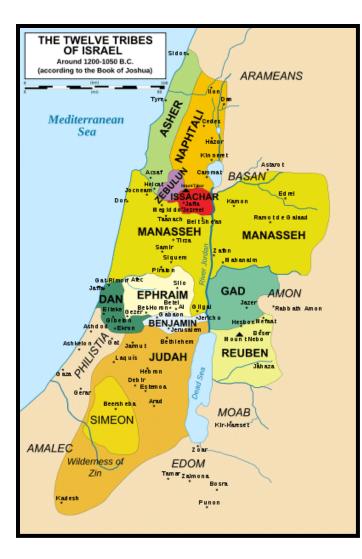
Many people asked, how can these people even live in the land where they are headed? But God, only God could have intervened and supernaturally restored His people and the land of Israel as it was prophesied. So, when you look at Ezekiel 37:1-12 it tells you and I that they will be called Israel and that they would be a great army. **The Prophet then continues...**

Ezekiel 37:19 KJV

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

<u>Ezekiel 37:19 AMPC</u>

19 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 associates, and will join with it the stick of Judah and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.



It is often pointed out in this particular prophesy how the tribes were divided. There were northern tribes and southern tribes.

A separation had occurred during the time of the Assyrians. But it was foretold that God would bring them all back as one.

When you go to Israel today, people don't say I'm from the tribe of Benjamin or I'm from the tribe of Judah, they just say I'm from Israel. That is what the Prophet Ezekiel is saying is going to happen in the last days.

In verse 19 of Ezekiel 37 it says that the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, will be put with the stick of Judah and they would be together.

So, God brings the jewish people back together after the Holocaust and gives them the land of Israel as prophesied.

There is as struggle with the division of the land and that struggle is pictured in Ezekiel Chapters 35 and Chapter 36. This is where I believe we are at prophetically right now. The Holocaust has happened, the jewish people are back in their land and they have built a great army as was prophesied.

Northern and Southern Kingdoms Overview

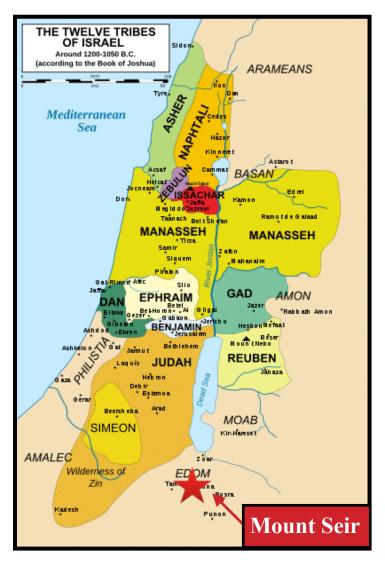
God was greatly displeased with Israel's King Solomon when he was led astray by his foreign wives and worshiped their false gods, thus falling out of covenant with God (1 Kings 11:9-11). As a result, after Solomon died, God stripped away all but two of the tribes, Judah and Benjamin, from Solomon's son, King Rehoboam (12:21-24).

An Ephraimite, Jeroboam, became king over the house of Israel (1 Kings 12:20), which also came to be called Ephraim. From that point forward, the house of Judah (also known as the house of David) and the house of Israel/Ephraim were separated from each other.

Around 722 B.C., during the reign of Hoshea (the last king of Israel), the Assyrians took Israel into captivity and deported the people of the Northern Kingdom to Assyria (2 Kings 17:5,6). In about 586 B.C., during the reign of Zedekiah (the last king of Judah), the Babylonians burned down most of Jerusalem and exiled the people of the Southern Kingdom, mostly Judah, to Babylon (2 Kings 25:1-11; Jeremiah 52:28-30). It should be pointed out that there were not absolute, exclusive divisions between the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah, prior to their respective banishments and exiles to Assyria and Babylon. There was some overlapping of tribes in both places, due to marriage, migration, and location. For instance, Levites sided with Rehoboam (king of Judah) and came to Judah because Jeroboam (king of Israel) had rejected them (2 Chronicles 11:13,14). Many from every tribe of Israel followed the Levites to Jerusalem, supporting Rehoboam after they got there (11:16,17). Some members of Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon settled in Judah (15:9). The whole territory of Simeon was located within the territory of Judah (Joshua 19:1,9).

Most of the Israelites, after being taken captive by the Assyrians, did not return to the land of Israel, though. They fled, migrated, and were exiled to other places, eventually being scattered among the nations of the world, where they remain today.

Many exiles from the Babylonian captivity returned to Jerusalem and Judah (Nehemiah 7:6). This was in accordance with a prophecy made by Jeremiah to the exiles in Babylon (Jeremiah 29:1-13), in which he stated that after seventy years, the people would return to Jerusalem (29:10). However, not all of Judah returned; many of their descendants were scattered all over the earth. These, along with those scattered by the Romans in 70 A.D., were part of the Jewish diaspora.



The area of Edom is where Mount Seir is located. The E d o m i t e s w e r e t h e descendants from a man named Esau. Jacob and Esau had a conflict with one another (Genesis 25:26-34 and Chapter 27). Jacob took his brothers birthright and blessing and Esau hated him for it. This started the animosity between the arab people and jewish people.

Mount Seir today is located in the country of Jordan. So, when you begin to read a Mount Seir prophecy that is 2500 years old you have to ask yourself who are they talking about.

The people who call themselves Palestinians who live in the nation of Israel today live in the area of the Gaza Strip or the West Bank.

Those individuals who classify themselves as Palestinians being an arab or a muslim that lived in Israel prior to 1948 are saying, 'our family lived here before the jews lived here and became a nation'.

Those individuals who would consider themselves Palestinians are actually descendants of Esau or they would be classified, from Mount Seir today. The reason I'm going through this background is when you starting reading Ezekiel Chapter 35 and 36, you start seeing a conflict develop that the prophet is talking about and it is speaking directly to what is happening today.



<u>Ezekiel 35:3-5 KJV</u>

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord.

5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end:

A leader/group from Mount Seir, the Edomites are going to try and split Israel and make it into 2 nations. Once again, those individuals who would consider themselves Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza strip are actually descendants of Esau or they would be classified, from Mount Seir today.

The conflict that we see happening today between the Jews and the Palestinians is nothing new. This goes all the way back to Esau and Jacob, 2 brothers wrestling for a piece of property.

Ezekiel 35:10 AMPC

10 Because you [Edom] (Mount Seir or Edom) said, These two nations [Israel and Judah] and these two countries shall be mine and we will take possession of them—although the Lord was there,



Let's start putting this together...the Palestinians/Edomites or people from Mount Seir who are currently in the Gaza strip and West bank are speaking of Israel/Judah territory or the entire land of Israel as we know it today. The Palestinians are saying, we are gong to divide Israel up into 2 parts. We are going to take one part and we will let them have the other part. But then, these 2 nations will be ours (Ezekiel 35:10).

So, after we get what we want, the dividing of Israel, we are going to go after the land that was just divided so we can own both of them. That is exactly what you are hearing today all over the world from the people who are the descendants of Esau and the descendants of Ham.

<u>Ezekiel 36:1-2 KJV</u>

1 Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord:

2 Thus saith the Lord God; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:



The ancient high places according to the Biblical term is the area of Judea and Samaria which today is known as the West Bank. This is the area that is on the news continuously where the Palestinians live, descendants of West Bank Esau that Israel annexed in right after the 1967 war. It was part of the country of Jordan divided now by the Jordan river. Remember, this was Prophesied or foretold by the "Never Wrong" Prophet Ezekiel over 2600 years ago for "such at time as this". Why do we need the Holy Spirit? He will guide us into all Truth, He will give us peace, He will remind us of sin, judgment, righteousness and the "things" to come that were foretold so we can bring forth of forth-tell that which has already been spoken "this is that".

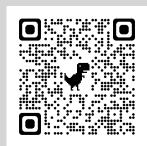
As followers or imitators of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit continues to change us by evidence of a life that is a witness to our fiends and family. Are we changing? Is their evidence of the Holy Spirit working in us? Do we believe that God's Word is true? Do we believe not only the word of Ezekiel about what is happening and still to come but, do we believe or have faith that judgment or the rapture is coming soon?

Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass [a]in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [[b]in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed (happy, [c]to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, [d]to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.



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