

Hall of Faith: Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ❖ Hebrews 11:34c

*“God called Ezekiel one mornin’ - Go down and prophesy.
He taught Zion the powers of God, and dry bones began to rise.*

The toe bone connected to the foot bone.

The foot bone connected to the ankle bone.

Don’t you know the ankle bone connected to the leg bone?

The leg bone connected to the knee bone.

The knee bone connected to the thigh bone.

Well, the thigh bone connected to the hip bone.

The hip bone connected to the back bone.

The back bone connected to the shoulder bone.

Don’t you know the finger bone connected to the hand bone?

The hand bone connected to the arm bone.

The arm bone connected to the shoulder bone.

Well, the shoulder bone connected to the neck bone.

The neck bone connected to the head bone.

Them dry bones shall rise together in the mornin’!

Why don’t you rise and hear the Word of the Lord?”

(“Dry Bones,” Traditional Spiritual)

A Boneyard

Tragically throughout history, all the bodies of Soldiers killed in battle have not gotten buried. As a result, **skulls** and **bones** have been strewn across battlefields, a graphic visual of the carnage of war.

The Old Testament prophet Ezekiel was allowed to see a graphic vision of the result of God’s people **battling** against Him.

What was symbolized by the “valley of very dry bones” (vv. 1-2)?

What was symbolized by the bones not being complete skeletons?

A Vast Army

How did Ezekiel answer the Lord’s question in verse 3?

What happened when Ezekiel preached the Word of the Lord to the bones (vv. 4-10)?

“The Lord said to His people, ‘I will put my **spirit** in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own **land**’” (v. 14).

Words of Life

What are some words “the Sovereign Lord says to our **bones**” (v. 5) that cause our “weakness to turn to **strength**” (Hebrews 11:34c)?

- “For I know the plans I have for **you**,” declares the Lord, “plans to **prosper** you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).
- “You shall have no other **gods** before Me” (Exodus 20:3).
- “Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives **forgiveness** of sins through His name” (Acts 10:43).
- “Do to others what you would have them do to **you**” (Mt 7:12).
- “In my Father’s house are many **rooms**. I am going there to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).
- “Always be prepared to give an **answer** to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have” (1 Peter 3:15).

Onward, Christian Soldiers

“Why don’t you rise and hear the Word of the Lord”?!

Where is God’s Spirit bringing new life to you? to your family? to our Church? to our nation?

