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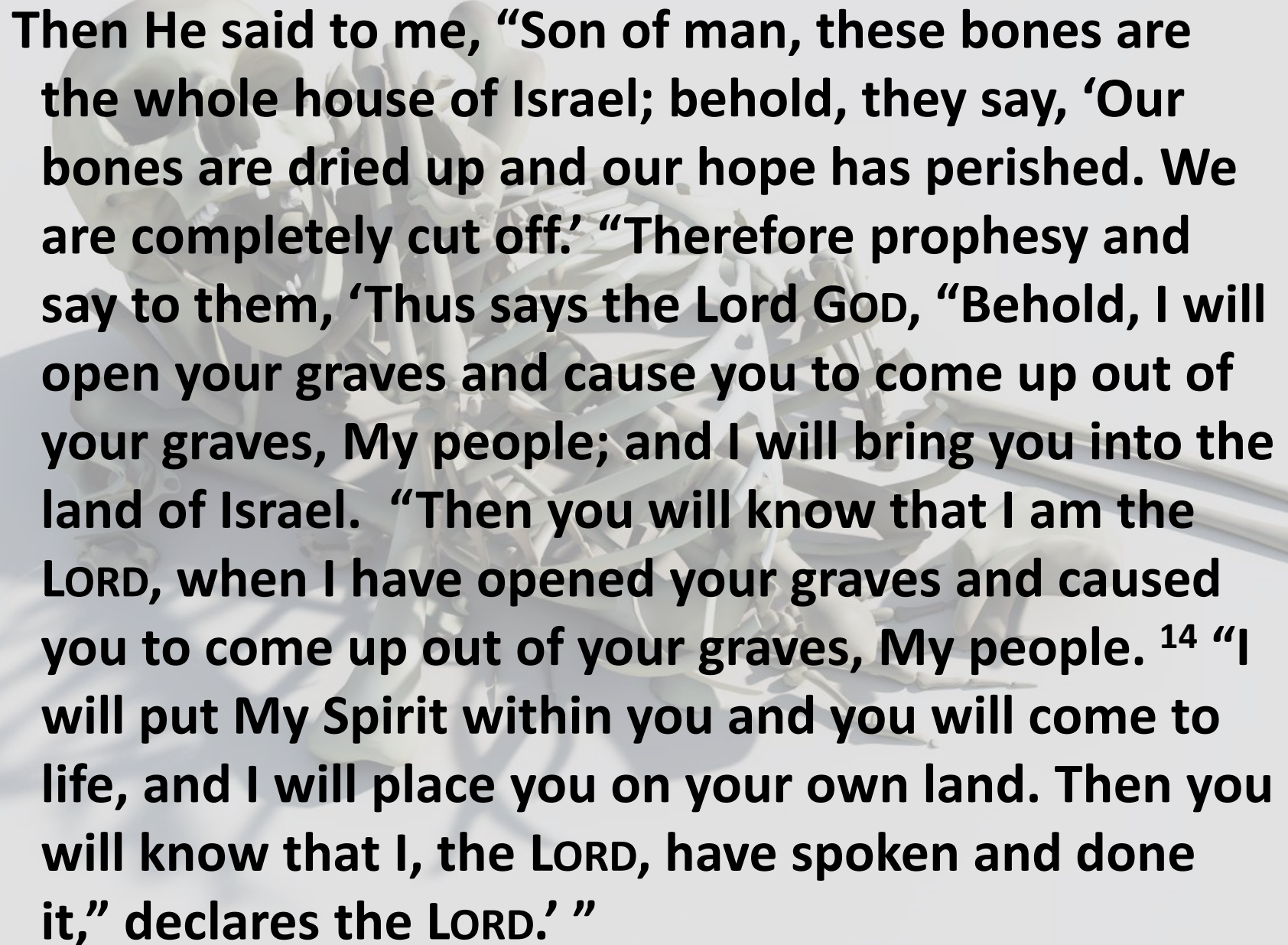


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Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’ “Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. “Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. ¹⁴ “I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it,” declares the LORD.’ ”

What causes death?

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.



...for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:20 b

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23



Dead & Dying Christian Style

He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were* very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, *they were* very dry.

Ezekiel 37:2

Examine Your Life

1 Corinthians 11:28

2 Corinthians 13:5

Galatians 6:3–4

Peak at the Body



Slow Process





Good Question

He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”

Death Everywhere



What does God have to say?

“Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’ “Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

Use God's Words

Whosoever believe

By His stripes

I will pour out

I will hear from heaven

...I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves

Isaiah 62:6

Why prophecy?



Do what God tells you

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

A Miracle in Process

Obedience set miracles in motion

Everything has a starting point

Not all miracles are instantaneous

Continue to Obey

Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.” ’ ” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Can't Have Life Without Ruah

The wind is the breath of God, controlled by Him, coming from Him and creative for His purposes.

Did You Notice?

A Vast Army

...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



The Wind Blows Again

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.



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