

The Valley of the Dry Bones
Ezekiel 37:1-14

א הִיִּתָּה עָלַי יַד־יְהוָה וַיּוֹצֵאֵנִי בְרוּחַ יְהוָה וַיְנַיֵּחַנִי בְּתוֹךְ הַבְּקָעָה
וְהָיָה מְלֵאָה עֲצָמוֹת: ב וְהֶעֱבִירֵנִי עֲלֵיהֶם סָבִיב וְסָבִיב וְהִנֵּה
רְבוֹת מְאֹד עַל־פְּנֵי הַבְּקָעָה וְהִנֵּה יִבְשׁוֹת מְאֹד: ג וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי
בְּוֹאֲדָם הִתְחַיֵּינָה הָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וְאָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה אַתָּה יַדְעָתָ:
ד וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי הֲנִבְּא עַל־הָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם הָעֲצָמוֹת
הַיִּבְשׁוֹת שְׁמְעוּ דְבַר־יְהוָה: ה כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה לְעֲצָמוֹת
הָאֵלֶּה הִנֵּה אֲנִי מְבִיא בְּכֶם רוּחַ וְחַיִּיתֶם: ו וְנָתַתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם גְּדִים
וְהֶעֱלֵתִי עֲלֵיכֶם בָּשָׂר וְקִרַמְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם עוֹר וְנָתַתִּי בְּכֶם רוּחַ
וְחַיִּיתֶם וַיִּדְעַתֶּם כִּי־אֲנִי יְהוָה: ז וְנִבְּאתִי כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי וַיְהִי־קוֹל
כְּהִנְבְּאֵי וְהִנֵּה־רַעַשׁ וַתִּקְרְבוּ עֲצָמוֹת עֶצֶם אֶל־עֶצְמוֹ: ח וַרְאִיתִי
וְהִנֵּה־עֲלֵיהֶם גְּדִים וּבָשָׂר עָלָה וַיִּקְרָם עֲלֵיהֶם עוֹר מִלְמַעְלָה וְרוּחַ
אִין בָּהֶם: ט וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי הֲנִבְּא אֶל־הָרוּחַ הֲנִבְּא בְּוֹאֲדָם וְאָמַרְתָּ
אֶל־הָרוּחַ כֹּה־אָמַר וְאֲדֹנָי יְהוִה מֵאַרְבַּע רוּחוֹת בָּאֵי הָרוּחַ וּפְחִי
בְּהַרוּגִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיַּחֲיוּ: י וְהִנְבְּאתִי כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי וַתָּבוֹא בָהֶם
הָרוּחַ וַיַּחֲיוּ וַיַּעֲמְדוּ עַל־רַגְלֵיהֶם חֵיל גָּדוֹל מְאֹד־מְאֹד: יא וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלַי בְּוֹאֲדָם הָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה כָּל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הֵמָּה הִנֵּה אֹמְרִים
יִבְשׁוּ עֲצָמוֹתֵינוּ וְאֶבְדָּה תִּקְוֹתֵנוּ נִגְזְרֵנוּ לָנוּ: יב לָכוּ הֲנִבְּא
וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם כֹּה־אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה הִנֵּה אֲנִי פֹתַח
אֶת־קְבֻרוֹתֵיכֶם וְהֶעֱלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם מִקְבְּרוֹתֵיכֶם עִמִּי וְהִבְּאתִי
אֶתְכֶם אֶל־אֲדַמַּת יִשְׂרָאֵל: יג וַיִּדְעַתֶּם כִּי־אֲנִי יְהוָה בְּפִתְחֵי
אֶת־קְבֻרוֹתֵיכֶם וּבְהֶעֱלוֹתִי אֶתְכֶם מִקְבְּרוֹתֵיכֶם עִמִּי: יד וְנָתַתִּי
רוּחִי בְּכֶם וְחַיִּיתֶם וְהִנְחַתִּי אֶתְכֶם עַל־אֲדַמַּתְכֶם וַיִּדְעַתֶּם כִּי־אֲנִי
יְהוָה דְּבַרְתִּי וַעֲשִׂיתִי נְאֻם־יְהוָה

Ezek. 37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me. He took me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the valley. It was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many of them spread over the valley,

and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “O mortal, can these bones live again?” I replied, “O Lord GOD, only You know.” ⁴ And He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ Thus said the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live again. ⁶ I will lay sinews upon you, and cover you with flesh, and form skin over you. And I will put breath into you, and you shall live again. And you shall know that I am the LORD!”

Ezek. 37:7 I prophesied as I had been commanded. And while I was prophesying, suddenly there was a sound of rattling, and the bones came together, bone to matching bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had grown, and skin had formed over them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, O mortal! Say to the breath: Thus said the Lord GOD: Come, O breath, from the four winds, and breathe into these slain, that they may live again.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as He commanded me. The breath entered them, and they came to life and stood up on their feet, a vast multitude.

Ezek. 37:11 And He said to me, “O mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone; we are doomed.’ ¹² Prophesy, therefore, and say to them: Thus said the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and lift you out of the graves, O My people, and bring you to the land of Israel. ¹³ You shall know, O My people, that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and lifted you out of your graves. ¹⁴ I will put My breath into you and you shall live again, and I will set you upon your own soil. Then you shall know that I the LORD have spoken and have acted”—declares the LORD.