

Big God Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-3 The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?” “O Sovereign LORD,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

Proverbs 29:18 “When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.”

Critical _____ “He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.” (v.2)

Job 34:14-15 “If God were to take back his spirit and withdraw his breath, all life would cease, and humanity would turn again to dust”

Ezekiel 37:11 “Then he said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, “We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.” ’ ”

Crisis of _____ “Then he asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones become living people again?’ ” (v.3a)

Genesis 18:13-14 “Then the LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, “Can an old woman like me have a baby?” Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.’ ”

Complete _____ “O Sovereign LORD,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.” (v.3b)

Deuteronomy 32:39 “Look now; I myself am he! There is no other god but me! I am the one who kills and gives life; I am the one who wounds and heals; no one can be rescued from my powerful hand!”

Ezekiel 37:4-10 Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, **‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD!’** This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ ” So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them. Then he said to me, **“Speak a prophetic message to the winds,** son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’ ”** So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.