

Lessons from Ezekiel: Final Restoration and Vindication¹

Ezekiel 37–39

The Lord's Sovereign Regeneration and Reunification of His People (Ezekiel 37)

“Chapter 37 vividly illustrates the promise of chapter 36. God had just announced that Israel will be restored to her land in blessing under the leadership of David her king. However, this seemed remote in light of Israel's present condition. She was “dead” as a nation—deprived of her land, her king, and her temple. She had been divided and dispersed for so long that unification and restoration seemed impossible. So, God gave two signs (37:1–14 and vv. 15–28) to Ezekiel to illustrate the fact of restoration and confirm the promises just made.”²

- The Valley of Dry Bones (vv. 1–14)

Question: Is the modern state of Israel the fulfillment of this prophecy?

- The Joining of Two Sticks (vv. 15–28): For the first time since 931 BC the nation will be united ...

The Lord's Sovereign Protection of His People (Ezekiel 38–39)

Who? (Ezekiel 38:1–6, 39:1)

Where? (Ezekiel 38:18, 39:2, 4)

When? (Ezekiel 38:8, 16) Five timeframes have been proposed:

- (1) Before the tribulation period begins.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

- (2) In the first half of the Tribulation. [Dyer]

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

- (3) In the second half of the Tribulation. [MacArthur]

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

¹ Adapted from *Ezekiel: Redemption for God's People* (2024) by John MacArthur.

² Charles H. Dyer, “Ezekiel” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1:1298.

(4) At the beginning of the Millennium.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

(5) At the end of the Millennium.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Applications

1. Our God is _____.
2. Our God is a God of everlasting _____.