

NRSV EZEKIEL 37:1-14 THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

EZ 1 The hand of the LORD came upon me,
EZ 2 and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD
 and set me down in the middle of a valley;
EZ 3 it was full of bones.
EZ 4 He led me all around them;
EZ 5 there were very many lying in the valley,
ALL EZ and they were very dry.
EZ 1 He said to me,
ALL GOD “Mortal, can these bones live?”
EZ 2 I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”
EZ 3 Then he said to me,
GOD 1 “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them:
ALL GOD O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the
 Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter
 you, and you shall live.
GOD 1 I will lay sinews on you,
GOD 2 and will cause flesh to come upon you,
GOD 3 and cover you with skin,
ALL GOD and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall
 know that I am the LORD.”

ALL EZ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied,

EZ 4 suddenly there was a noise,

EZ 5 a rattling,

EZ 1 and the bones came together,

EZ 1 2 bone to its bone.

EZ 1 2 3 I looked, and there were sinews on them,

EZ 1234 and flesh had come upon them,

EZ 12345 and skin had covered them;

EZ 3 but there was no breath in them.

EZ 4 Then he said to me,

ALL GOD “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

EZ 5 I prophesied as he commanded me,

EZ 34 and the breath came into them,

EZ 12 and they lived, and stood on their feet,

ALL EZ a vast multitude.

EZ 2 Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say,

ALL ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

ALL GOD

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD:

GOD 1

I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people;

GOD 2

and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

GOD 3

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

ALL GOD

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.