



THE RESURRECTION AND SALVATION OF THE JEWS (EZEKIEL 37)

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Throughout the ages, many Christian ministers have declared that the Jews who have rejected Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) and have died will all be judged to hell. This is not the truth, as Yeshua (Jesus) came to save His chosen people of Israel, and they will be resurrected to life and saved. This article will analyze and [INTERPRET] the prophecies of Ezekiel 37 regarding the resurrection and salvation of the Jews.

EZEKIEL 37:

The hand of YHWH (the Lord) came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones [GRAVES]. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

So I answered, “O YHWH (Lord) GOD, You know.”

Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of YHWH (the Lord)! Thus says YHWH (the Lord) GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you [WHO I HAVE RESURRECTED] shall know that I [YESHUA (JESUS)] am YHWH (the Lord).”

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says YHWH (the Lord) GOD: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.””

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, THESE BONES ARE THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off! [THE JEWS HAD BEEN CUT OFF FOR REJECTING YESHUA (JESUS) AS THEIR MESSIAH].

Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says YHWH (the Lord) GOD: “Behold, O My people [ISRAEL], I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am YHWH (the Lord), when I [YESHUA (JESUS)] have opened your graves, O My people [ISRAEL], and brought you up [RESURRECTED YOU] from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land [ISRAEL]. Then you shall know that I, YHWH (the Lord), have spoken it and performed it,” says YHWH (the Lord).”

Again the word of YHWH (the Lord) came to me, saying, “As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For JUDAH and for the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, AND FOR ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, his companions.’ Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

And when the children of your people [ISRAEL] speak to you, saying, ‘Will you not show us what you mean by these?’ - say to them, ‘Thus says YHWH (the Lord) GOD: “Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, AND THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of JUDAH, and make them one stick [UNITE THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL: ISRAEL AND JUDAH], and they will be one [NATION] in My hand.”’ And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

“Then say to them [ISRAEL], ‘Thus says YHWH (the Lord) GOD: “Surely I will take the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land [ISRAEL]; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations [ISRAEL AND JUDAH], nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

“David [RESURRECTED KING DAVID] My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd [YESHUA (JESUS)]; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land [ISRAEL] that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them [THE JEWS], and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they [ISRAEL] shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, YHWH (the Lord), sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”

EZEKIEL 37:5-6:

Thus says YHWH (the Lord) GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you [WHO I HAVE RESURRECTED] shall know that I [YESHUA (JESUS)] am YHWH (the Lord).”

The resurrection and salvation spoken of in Ezekiel 37 is of the righteous-living Jews who had been deceived about accepting Yeshua (Jesus) as their Lord and Savior. The commandment keeping, righteous living, Messiah rejecting Jews, upon their resurrection, will know Yeshua (Jesus) as their Lord and Savior.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52:

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep [DIE], but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead [IN MESSIAH (CHRIST)] will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-16:

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep [DEAD]. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah (Christ) will rise first.

The resurrection of the Messianic and Christian saints is a different event than the resurrection of the righteous, Messiah-rejecting Jews. Messianic and Christian believers, who have died and are to be resurrected, ALREADY KNOW that Yeshua (Jesus) is their Lord and Savior. Ezekiel 37 does not address the resurrection of the dead in Messiah (Christ), but is a reference to the deceived, commandment keeping, righteous living, Messiah-denying Jews who shall THEN know, IN THAT DAY, He is their Messiah, Lord, and Savior.

Not all Jews, just because they are Jewish, will be saved.

MATTHEW 8:10-12:

When Yeshua (Jesus) heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many [GENTILES] will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom [JEWS] will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

LUKE 13:23-29:

And Yeshua (Jesus) said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from,’ then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets [IN ISRAEL].’ But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves [EVIL JEWS] thrust out. They [RIGHTEOUS GENTILES] will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.”

Evil Jews and evil Gentiles will be shut out from the kingdom of God.

EZEKIEL 39:21-22:

I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. So the house of Israel shall know that I [YESHUA (JESUS)] am YHWH (the Lord) their God from that day [OF MY RETURN] forward.

ZECHARIAH 9:16:

YHWH (the Lord) their God will save them [THE JEWS] in that day [OF HIS RETURN] as the flock of His people [ISRAEL]. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, lifted like a banner over His land [ISRAEL].

MARK 14:61-62:

Again the [JEWISH] high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Messiah (Christ), the Son of the Blessed?”

Yeshua (Jesus) said, “I am. And you [THE RESURRECTED HOUSE OF ISRAEL] will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

When Yeshua (Jesus) returns, everyone, both Jew and Gentile, will know Him as the Messiah (Christ), the Son of the living God, and we will all serve Him in one accord (Zephaniah 3:9).