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Transcribed from tape of Jeremiah using The Authorized Version unless otherwise noted.

Verse 1:

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.

Before I even start, here Yahweh is referring to the restoration of the house of Israel. Now religion thinks this is about the resurrection of the dead. Well if this is a resurrection of the dead then how come all the bones are in a valley? The dead are all over and they're in graves, under the ocean. People have died all type of deaths, some entirely consumed, burned, digested, etc. Anyway Ezekiel was in a valley which was full of bones.

Verse 2:

And caused me to pass by them round about; and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

A bone that's very dry is beyond the shadow of a doubt lifeless. It also means that it has been dead a long time, very dry. This is the vision that Ezekiel saw, now what he actually saw, as it explains later, is the house of Israel which is dead, and has been dead quite a while. To look at them there is no possibility of the bones ever coming to life (and they picture the restoration of Israel). Now the question is, "Is it possible that Yahweh can give life to these bones?" or "Is it possible that Yahweh can restore Israel?"

Verse 3:

And he said unto me, son of man, can these bones live? and I answered, O LORD God, thou knowest.

Shows that Ezekiel didn't know.

Verses 4-6:

4 Again he said unto me, prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the LORD God unto these bones; behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

So already we see that this is an unusual resurrection (if it were so) because all the bones are in a valley, and they're all exposed, and He's going to get these bones and put them altogether and give them life. If

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this were a true resurrection we know that all the bones couldn't possibly be in one valley, but they would be all over, and most of them are actually buried, but here they are laying out in the open, exposed, and very dry. Later on He explains that this symbolizes the house of Israel which has died, and has been dead a long time. Now, is it possible to restore them? WELL He says there bones shall live showing that the house of Israel will be restored and when this happens, ye shall know that I am the LORD, means that when Yahweh restores Israel, you will know that He is the LORD.

Verse 7 and 8:

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, these was a noise and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

This means that the time has now come for Israel to be restored. Now the bones were restored, the flesh was there and everything else, but there was no life in them. This means that th time has arrived for Israel to come to life, Yahweh's Restored Israel. Just prior to this, before they have any life in them, they aren't considered alive yet, but they're certainly there at the last stages of preparation ready to come alive.

Verses 9 and 10:

9 Then said he unto me, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, thus saith the LORD God; come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

This is an exceeding great army, this is the great multitude which no man could number (Revelation 7:9; Hosea 1:10). This is the 200,000,000 of The Restored Israel. This is when Israel comes to life and makes itself felt by preaching and taking their stand and magnifying, honoring Yahweh.

Verse 11:

Then He said unto me, son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

"We are cut off for our parts," means completely cut off. Now when Israel went down it certainly looked like if was the end, that Yahweh no longer would deal with them because He turned His back on them, no longer spoke to them, they were finished and scattered all over, slaughtered wherever they went, looked like a sad state of affairs. Where Yahweh had once spoke to His people now for centuries there was nothing spoken at all, and Israel was finished completely. It appeared with the passing of time that He would never restore His people or speak the them or choose a people and bless the, and magnify His name and show that He's the God of

His people by His dealing with them. They were dead for centuries. And the hope of Israel faded because man looks back in history and see how long Israel's been dead and it seems (as far as a man is concerned) that it is impossible. So if Yahweh chose not to do anything about it, it would never happen--because He alone can do anything. So it looked as though Yahweh was finished with the human race, and that man would be born and die and that was it. He continues...

Verse 12:

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, thus saith the LORD God; behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel

This means that He will restore the house of Israel to life. You notice He mentions graves here, these graves merely symbolize the death-like condition of the house of Israel, the non-existence of Israel, the house of Israel no having any life whatsoever.

Verse 13:

And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves.

religionists interpret this to be literal and say the Israelites will be resurrected out of their graves and that these same disobedient Israelites will be restored and blessed, and that this will be the house of Israel. In other words, those who have disobeyed and rejected the Messiah, those He called a stubborn and stiff-necked people (Jeremiah 7:24-28), the ones He says, never again will I forgive you (Hosea 1:6) or I will pardon you sins no more (Amos 8:2, Moffatts) these are the ones religion says will be resurrected and restored and be made to be yahweh's people and that this will be in Palestine. Well already it hasn't worked because there's no resurrected one in Palestine but just people who have come from different places and started their own nation. Actually here Yahweh is referring to, symbolically, of the death of the house of Israel and then its restoration and that when it is restored it will be like a resurrection where it will start to function again like someone who has been resurrected and restored to life. So the house of Israel will be restored to life, only Paul makes it clear that, the Israel of flesh is no the Israel of God, (Romans 9:6-8). Therefore the religionists who say that the old Israelites, who died centuries ago will make up this house of Israel can't be correct because that particular scripture contradicts them.

Verse 14:

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, performed it, saith the LORD.

This shows that when this happens, the people will know that Yahweh has done it. How will they know? Well they will find all of a sudden that there are people who understand the Bible, who know their God, people of faith who put Yahweh first, who are not in darkness and know where they are

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going and have the answers, people who have the wisdom of the Almighty God. They will see that Israel not only understand the Scriptures and what Yahweh's going to do with His people, but also they know what the nations will do and who will oppose them, who Yahweh deals with alone, that this world is of the devil and Yahweh doesn't deal with these nations. They also know what to do in order to be delivered from the time of trouble that is coming, and they'll tell the world that they will face a calamity. In other words, they are the children of light, the children of understanding, they only ones who know what the score is. And we will tell them intelligently and with force and conviction, faith and we will stand by what we say, and we are able to prove what we say. So these are a people wh have been enlightened by Yahweh. These are Israel. It is a blessing to know that you people, who are not Israel of the flesh, have the opportunity to share in the blessings of the true Israel of Yahweh. You are now living in the last days and Yahweh's working with and dealing with His people and you will see ever-increasing evidence of this within the next few months as the publicity increases. So thank Yahweh for your blessings, pray incessantly, and remember everyone who is in trouble [I wish that you would all give a moment of thought in your prayers to Joanne who has a sick child. Yahweh will hear His people and bless them and if it be, she will be delivered] and thing of one another, and in thing of one another, you will become closer to one another and you will work as one person so that you will be ever so much stronger, because you will have not only yourself, but you will have someone on the right and someone on the left just like you, helping to bear the burden, and you're going to need one another because we are going to meet real opposition in the near future. But Yahweh will go before his people and guide them, and those who know that Yahweh is with them will never shirk but will continue on to final victory. Only those who lose faith will fall out, those who lose sight of Yahweh, who do not see the smoke by day and the fire by night will turn and go somewhere else. Well, if they do, that is up to them, but there's really no reason for it.