Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel’s Prophecy

A Nation Regenerated
Lesson 15
Ezekiel 35-37

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The Restoration of Israel (34-39)

- The Good Shepherd (34)
- A Prophecy Against Mount Seir (35)
- A Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel (36:1-21)
- A Vindication of the Holiness of YHWH (36:22-38)
- The Valley of Dry Bones (37:1-14)
- One Nation Under God (37:15-28)
- The Last Battle (38-39)
Prophecy Against Mount Seir (35)

- The family of Seir (Horites) and Esau (Edom)
- Esau – despised the blessing of Abraham (Gen 25:34); everlasting enmity (35:5)
- The two-fold message (35:1-4) – against . . . and for . . .
- Because of everlasting enmity (35:5-9)
- Because Edom decided to possess the land of YHWH’S presence (35:10-13)
- All the earth rejoices . . . Mount Seir and Edom are desolate
- “They” (all the earth) will know that the God of Israel is YHWH
“O Mountains of Israel” (36:1-21)

- A message to the Promised Land – compare Ezekiel 6
- The word of YHWH: “I am for you” (36:1, 9)
- The enemy took possession . . . “for good reason” (36:2-4)
- YHWH will act in “the fire of My jealousy” (36:5-7)
- Blessing for the land (36:8-15)
- The explanation for this blessing: “Concern for My holy name” (36:16-21)
The Restoration of Israel (36:22-38)

- The vindication of YHWH’S holy name in a holy nation (36:22-23)
- The essential divine work of salvation (36:24-27)
  - Take from the nations and bring into your own land
  - Sprinkle clean water – cleansing from filthiness and idolatry
  - A new heart (Gen 8:21; Jer 17:9; Hos 10:2; Prov 4:23)
  - A new spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45-50)
  - The Spirit of YHWH – partakers of the divine nature

- The result (36:28-38)
  - For the land
  - For the people
  - For the nations
  - For YHWH
The Vision of Restoration (37:1-14)

- A valley of dry bones (37:1-10)
  - The question: “Can these bones live?”
  - A strange answer: “Preach to them!”
  - The miracle of resurrection from the dead
  - The breath of God (RUAH v. NISHMAH in Gen 2:7)

- The interpretation (37:11-14)
  - The bones are “the whole house of Israel”
  - Sovereign YHWH will raise them from the dead
  - A resurrected nation brought to the land
  - The whole nation will have the Spirit of God within (partakers of the divine nature)

- Israel will know that YHWH has spoken and done it
The Davidic Kingdom (37:15-23)

- The unified nation (37:15-23)
- Two sticks labeled “Judah” and “Ephraim” brought together
- Regathered from the nations
- No more defilement
- The people of God
The Davidic Kingdom (37:24-28)

- King David will rule over them
- They will have one Shepherd
- They will obey
- They will live in the land given to Jacob – forever
- An everlasting covenant of peace
- “My sanctuary in their midst forever” – “My dwelling place also”
- They will be the people of YHWH
- All nations will know that YHWH is God by His physical presence
A Nation Regenerated

- Ezekiel teaches how the blessing of Abraham comes to Israel by a new covenant
  - The great nation is a holy nation and a kingdom of priests by salvation
- The blessing of Abraham also comes to all nations by that same covenant
  - We are a holy nation and a kingdom of priests by salvation
- The everlasting covenant of peace is secured by the death and resurrection of Christ