



Dry Bones



*¹⁴ But they would not listen and were **as stiff-necked as their ancestors**, who did not trust in the Lord their God. ¹⁵ They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors and the statutes he had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.*

2 Kings 17:14-15

*⁷ “But you did not listen to me,” declares the LORD, “and **you have aroused my anger** with what your hands have made, and you have brought harm to yourselves.” ⁸ Therefore the LORD Almighty says this: “Because you have not listened to my words, ⁹ I will summon all the peoples of the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,” declares the LORD, “and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy them and make them an object of horror and scorn, and an everlasting ruin.*

Jeremiah 25:7-9

Ezekiel 34

²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

Ezekiel 36

²⁴ “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

³⁶ Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’



Ezekiel 37

¹ The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’

Ezekiel 37

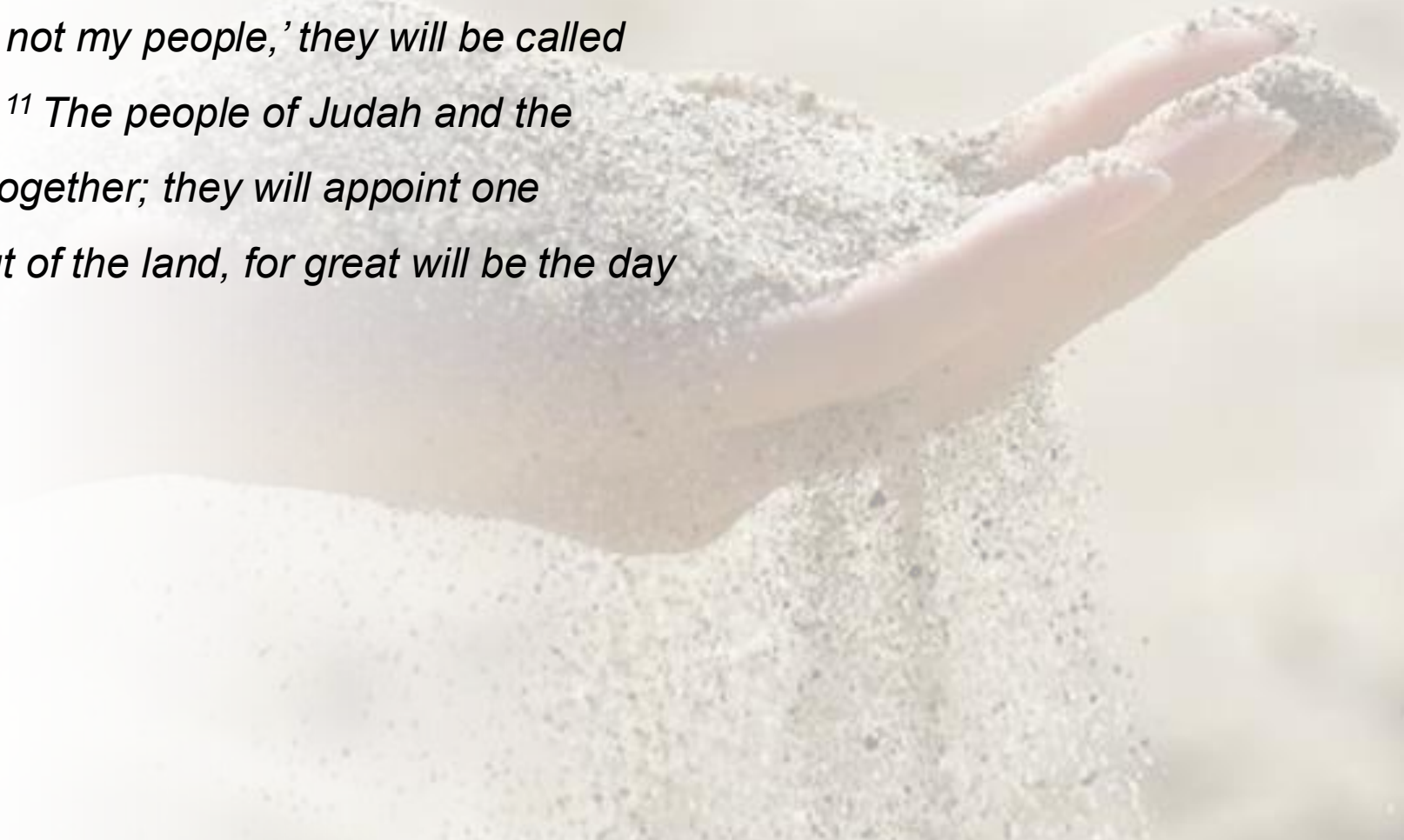
⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Hosea 1

¹⁰ “Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘children of the living God.’ ¹¹ The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together; they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a large amount of fine, light-colored sand. The hand is positioned palm-up, and the sand is piled high, overflowing the fingers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light beige, suggesting a beach or desert environment. The lighting is bright and even, highlighting the texture of the sand and the skin of the hand.

Ezekiel 37

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel.

They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’

¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.

Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

Ezekiel 34

²³ *I will place over them **one shepherd, my servant David**, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them.*

²⁵ *“I will make a **covenant of peace** with them ...*

²⁷ *The **trees will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops**; the people will be secure in their land.*

*They will know that I am the LORD, when **I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them**. ²⁸ They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. **They will live in safety**, and no one will make them afraid.*

1 Peter 2:9-10

*⁹ But you are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Ephesians 2

*¹ As for you, you were **dead in your transgressions and sins...***

*¹³ But now **in Christ Jesus** you who once were far away have been brought near by the **blood of Christ.***

*¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has **made the two groups one** and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.*