



The Prophetic Visions of Ezekiel 37

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INTRODUCTION

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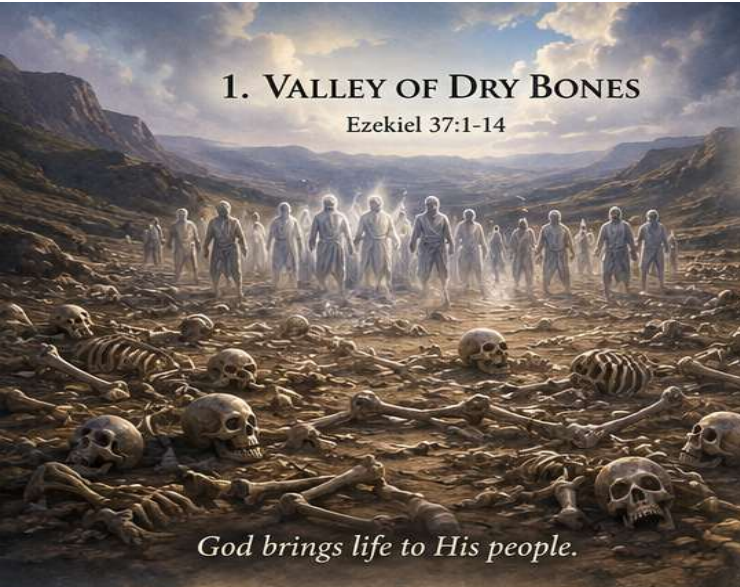
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Summarizing the Context of Ezekiel 37

- Roughly speaking, up to and including Chapter 36, Ezekiel has been pointing out the evil within the nation and how they have been and continued to be judged by the surrounding pagan nations, who also are “guilty as sin!”
- Indeed, in some places God uses very “explicit” language to describe Israel’s vile perversions in every respect.
- Finally, we come to Ezekiel 37 containing several details required for Israel to enter in their eternal hope.
- Each of these prophetic elements is necessary for *both phases* of Israel’s eternal hope.
 1. **Phase One – the Millennial Kingdom – Temporal Hope in a non-Glorified State (Perfect Justice in a Sinful World) – 1000 Years.**
 2. **Phase Two – the Eternal Kingdom in New Jerusalem.**
- In Ezekiel we focus mostly on the events leading up to Phase One – the Millennial Kingdom.
- Finally, these Prophetic Visionary Events happen in a specific order.
- **FOR WE BODY SAINTS – All events in Ezekiel 37-48 are yet future AFTER the Body Age! ☺**

1. VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14



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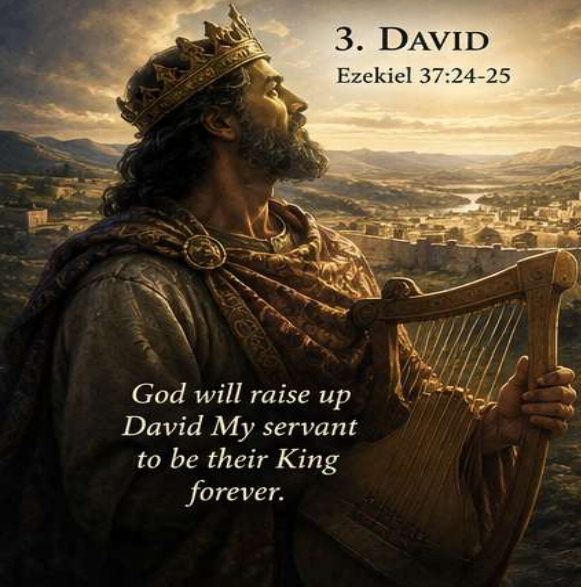
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The Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14



The Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1 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, 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. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy 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. 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and *as I prophesied, there 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.* 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, 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. 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. 12 Therefore prophecy 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.** 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,** 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, and performed it, saith the LORD.**

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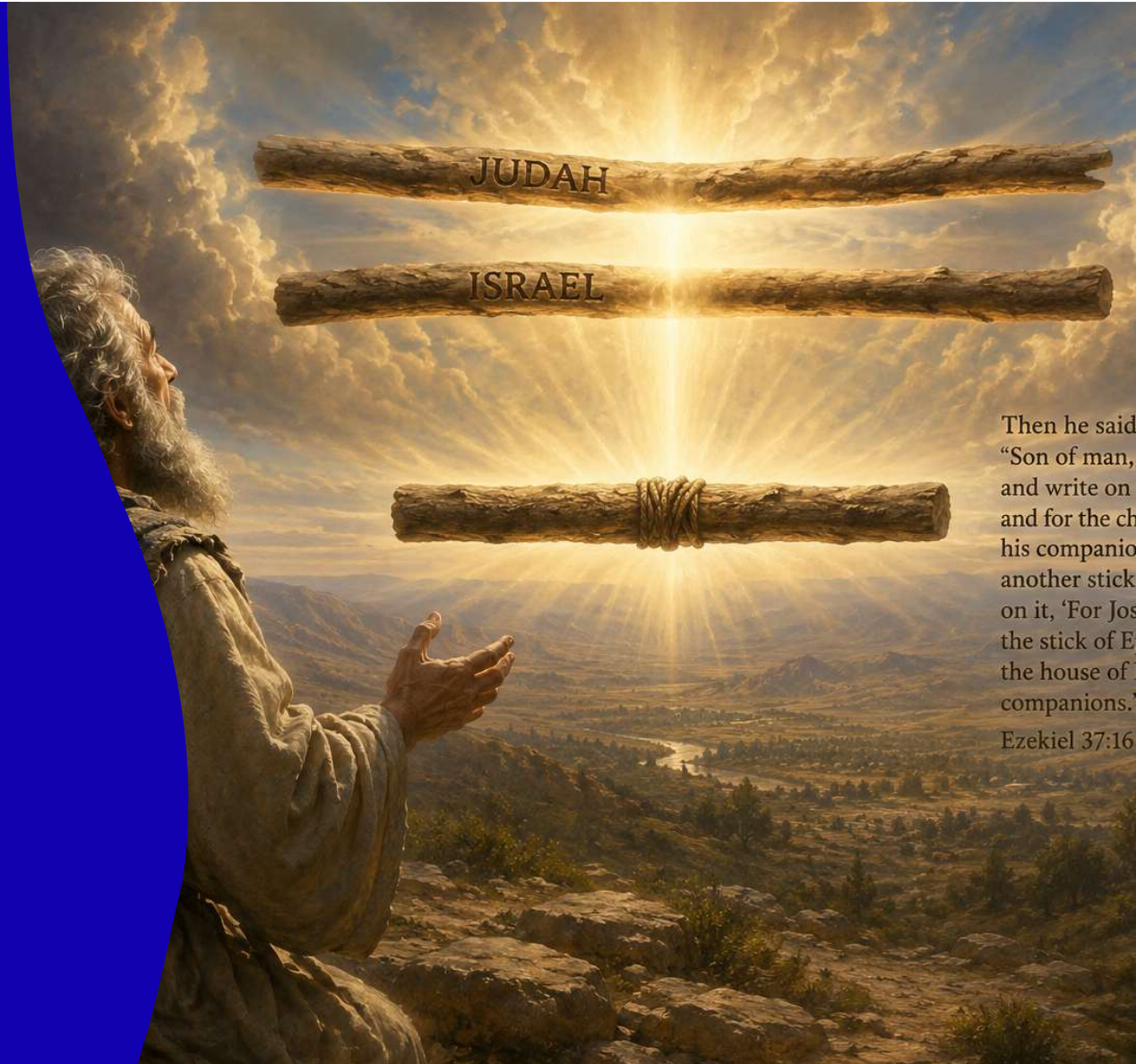
- ... set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. Here we see that Ezekiel is placed in a valley (probably better understood as “level plain”).
- Ezekiel further states that this plain is filled with very dry HUMAN bones (e.g., not even marrow left).
- Next the Lord tells Ezekiel that He (Jehovah=the Pre-Incarnate Son) will bring these bones back to life.
- Ezekiel sees and hears the bones shaking, collecting themselves, and forming organic tissue, until the skeletons are completed as fully functional human beings rising onto their feet.
- Interesting how these bones seem to be strewn about like normal fossils found today out in the paleontological fields.
 - Recall the missing Brontosaurus head. Lucy also was not found as an intact ape. Recall the Piltdown man, etc.
- Son of man, these bones are the *whole house of Israel*. Jehovah explicitly tells Ezekiel the meaning of these dry bones coming to life. The Resurrection of the entire elect Nation of Israel! 😊
- Finally, this is the fulfillment of all the unconditional covenants God has made with Israel – and Israel coming into their land. Abrahamic (this vision), Palestinian (this vision), Davidic (third vision), and the New Covenant (fourth vision).
- See also Isa 26:19; 66:8; Hosea 6:1-2.

The Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones

- ***When is the Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones Fulfilled ?***
- If we were all Covenantalists we would say that there is no longer any need for such a literal fulfillment since ALL OF ISRAEL'S Promises are applied to and fulfilled **in the Church!**
 - ❖ (e.g., R.C. Sproul, John Gerstner, Oswald T. Allis, Francis Schaeffer [Premillennial regarding Christ's return], James Montgomery Boice [PreMill], Gary North [PostMill], R.J. Rushdoony [PostMill], et.al.)
- Can we not see how this Covenantal View of Eschatology (Bible Prophecy) does serious damage to the original intent of the inscripturated text and essentially "at the end of the day", ***calls Jehovah a Liar!?***
- ***Did Ezekiel know about the Church Age? That he was soon to be robbed of what Jehovah told and promised him?***

The Vision of the Two Sticks

Ezekiel 37:15-23



Then he said to me, "Son of man, take the stick of Judah and the stick of Israel and write on them, 'For the house of Israel and for the companions of Israel.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for the companions of Ephraim.' Then take the stick of Judah and the stick of Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and join them together, and they shall become one stick. And when you speak to them, they shall respond to you, saying, 'O Lord, we will obey you.'"

Ezekiel 37:16

The Vision of the Two Sticks

▪ Ezekiel 37:15 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, 16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: 17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. 18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these? 19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and **they shall be one in mine hand**. 20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned,**

The Vision of the Two Sticks

- Ezekiel is told to pick up a stick for Judah and a second stick for Joseph thru Ephraim, for Israel.
- Ezekiel then places the sticks together and they become one stick.
- **This is a symbolic prophetic look at the divided nation becoming one united nation under the New Covenant (Jer 31:31-35; Eze 35:26-28 & Hosea 1:11; Isa 11:12-13; Jer 3:18; 31:27,31).**
- The division of the nation occurred shortly after the death of Solomon, when Jeroboam attempted a coup to unseat the rightful king next in line – Rehoboam.
- The 10 Northern Tribes went with Jeroboam, while the 2 Southern Tribes (Judah and Benjamin) went with Rehoboam.
- The Southern Nation was called Judah, while the Northern Nation was called Israel (sometimes Ephraim).
- Often the reader must take care in considering the context when the term Israel is used. Israel in the *narrow sense* refers to the 10-Tribes, while Israel in the *broad sense* means the entire nation.

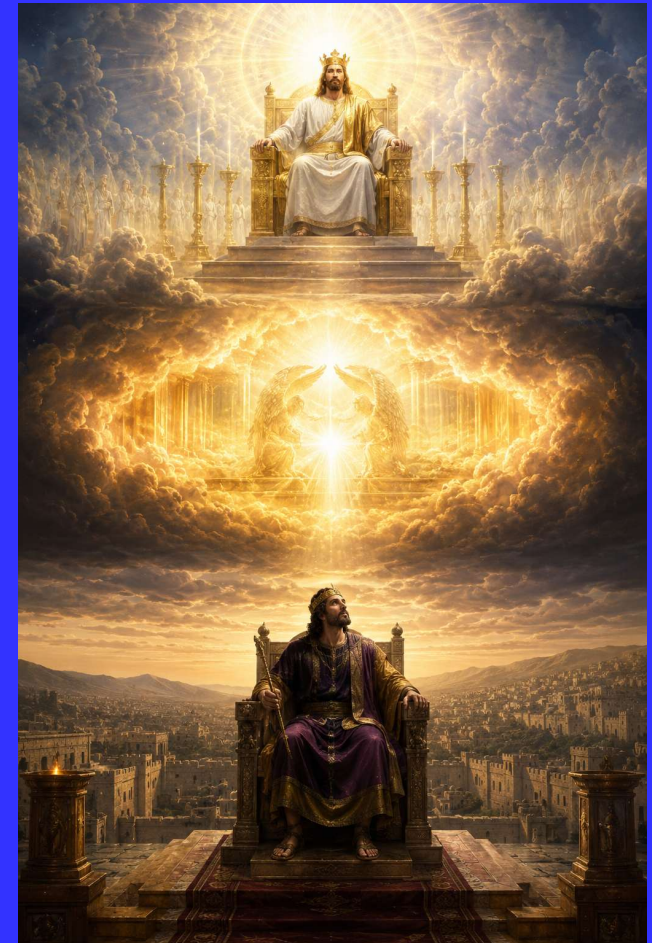
The Prophetic Fulfillment of David, Jehovah's Servant

Ezekiel 37:24-25



David the Servant of Jehovah

- Ezekiel 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.
- **Here we are told that David shall be the earthly king of Israel, the united nation forever, beginning with the Millennial Kingdom. This is the fulfillment of not just this prophetic utterance but many other OT references (Isa 9:7; Jer 23:5; 30:9; 33:15-17; Ezek 34:23-24; 37:24-15; Hosea 3:5; Amos 9:11).**



The Everlasting Covenant

Ezekiel 37:26-28

GOD'S EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

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- Here we see Jehovah reiterating the New Covenant found in Jer 31:31-35 promising REGENERATION on a NATIONAL Scale! **[National Regeneration!]**
- This is to be an eternal covenant forever with the physical seed of Abraham, thru Isaac, thru Jacob!
- The United Nation will be placed within their own promised land; they will become like the sand on the seaside and will have their ceremonial and religious law centered around God's temple (as detailed in Ezekiel 40-48).

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- Jehovah repeats the promise of His Temple.
- The heathen shall come to the know the Lord through Israel's Priestly ministry toward them.
- The Lord has separated Israel from other nations as the chief and priestly nation (Ex 19:5,6; 1 Pet 2:5,9).
- Jehovah's Sanctuary is presented in excruciating detail in Ezekiel 40-48.

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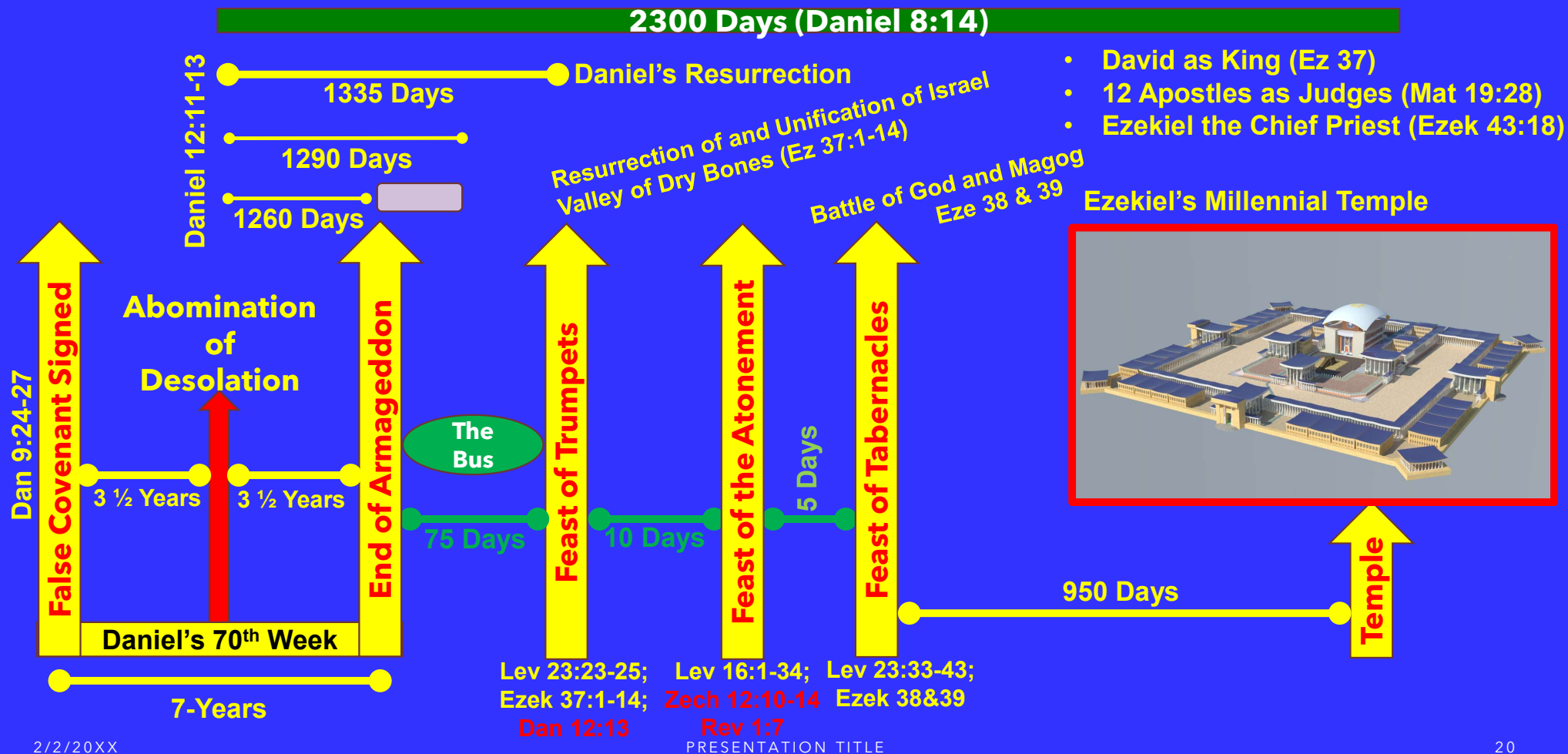
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Questions / Answers



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