

-The Jews (God's Chosen People)

Today, there are some people who freely speak against the Jews and the nation of Israel. They might as well be speaking against God, because He loves the Jews. He has brought them back to Israel as He promised, and soon they will believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

God did not choose the Jews because of them; instead He will restore them for His sake: Is 48:11 *For my sake, for My sake*

Ezk 36:22 *say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake.*

God brought the Jewish people back to their land; if someone speaks against them then they are sinning against God. Zec 2:8 *For so says Jehovah of Hosts: He has sent me after glory, to the nations who stripped you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye..*

God is very serious in this warning (Gen 12:3).

Isaiah asked: Is 53:1 *Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of Jehovah revealed?* Jesus is the: **“the arm of Jehovah”**.

He was revealed to Israel but they didn't believe in Him as John says:

Jn 12:37 *But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they did not believe on Him,* Jn 12:38 *so that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"* Yet

most of the Jewish people will soon believe that Jesus is their Messiah. Jesus is the arm of the Lord: Isaiah 40:10, 51:5, 52:10-13, 59:16, 63:5

-The Four Angels Hold Back the Four Winds of the Earth

John sees 4 angels protecting the Earth: Rev 7:1 *And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.* What is meant by the four corners of the Earth? Well, the scripture is referring to North, South, East, and West. Imagine an angel on top of the Earth, another on the bottom of the Earth, and one on the left and one on the right side.

Notice that they are protecting the Earth. God uses many angels to protect the Earth, yet people blame Him for everything that goes wrong. If He did not have these angels protecting these things on Earth, it would have already been destroyed.

An angel with the seal of God speaks to the 4 angels; Rev. 7:2-3 *And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to*

whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Do not hurt the **earth** or the **sea** or the **trees** until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. This angel will seal the 144,000 Jews.

These four angels are not only protecting the Earth, but they also have the power to **hurt** the **Earth** and the **sea** and the **trees** – and they will. We will see them participate in the first judgments of the angels that have the seven trumpets, and we know this because the first three judgments of the seven angels with the seven trumpets will affect the **Earth**, the **sea**, and the **trees**. Do not forget about these four angels, who we will see again when we get to the seven trumpet judgments.

The fact that these 4 angels are protecting the Earth before the 144,000 are sealed, proves to us that the wrath of God has not been sent to Earth at this point (in Revelation Chapter 7).

THE 4 ANGELS ON THE CORNERS OF THE EARTH:

CAN HURT THE EARTH

CAN HURT THE SEA

CAN HURT THE TREES

WILL HAVE PART IN THE 7 TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

WILL WAIT UNTIL THE 144,000 HAVE BEEN SEALED

-The 144,000 Jews Sealed

John hears how many Jews will be sealed: *Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousands, having been sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel.*

Before God sends His judgments through His angels, our loving God puts a seal with His name upon the Jews that will become believers. This seal is to protect them from the plagues sent upon Earth by the angels with the seven trumpets. We will see this when the fifth trumpet sounds – the locusts will not harm these 144,000 Jews because they are sealed with the name of God and the name of Jesus on their foreheads *Rev. 9:4*. At the first 1,335 days of the 7-year Great Tribulation, these Jews will be taken to Heaven by Jesus Christ, which we see later in *Rev. 14:1-3*.

Israel will also be protected by the angel **Michael** as seen in, *Dn 12:1 And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great ruler who stands for the sons of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation; until that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.* In the 7-year great tribulation, the angel Michael

shall stand for **“the sons of your people”**, meaning that he will protect the latter day Jews (144,000). Let me explain this verse: 1 And at that time (the last days) Michael shall stand up, the great ruler who stands for the sons of your people. (The great angel Michael will stand and protect Israel **“Daniel’s people”** for 1,260 days) And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation; until that time. (This is the 7-year great tribulation) And at that time your people (Israel) shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. The 144,000 Jews, have their names written in the book of life & they will be taken to Heaven **“delivered”** at 1,335 days Dn 12:12.

The number 144,000 could be taken as a literal amount, but it is meant to confirm to us that they are Jews, since it mentions the twelve tribes. Many Jews that are living in Israel will believe in Jesus Christ as their God and Savior, but not all of them will believe. But the angel Michael will protect the nation of Israel.

THE 144,000 JEWS WERE SEALED: FOR THEIR PROTECTION

BEFORE THE 4 ANGELS COULD HARM THE EARTH

THE ANGEL MICHAEL WILL PROTECT ISRAEL for 42 Months

Blindness happened to Israel, until the fullness of the gentiles but

Jesus, the Deliverer, will turn away ungodliness from Jacob Rom 11:25-26

-The Woman with 12 Stars (Represents Israel)

Rev 12:1 And there appeared a great sign in the heavens, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. This woman signifies Israel because in Gen 37:9-10, Joseph had a dream in which he saw **the sun**, the **moon**, and 11 **stars** bowing down to him. When he told this dream to his father and brothers, they understood what it meant and were offended. They asked him if he thought his **father**, who is the **sun**, his **mother**, who is the **moon**, and his brothers, who are the 11 **stars** should bow down before him? Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, clearly understood the dream. He was offended by the thought that they would bow down to Joseph, yet that is what happened when God made Joseph second in command of Egypt, only below Pharaoh.

So when we see this woman with 12 stars in Revelation, she has to represent the land of Israel, which has 12 stars that symbolize the 12 sons of Jacob, and the moon, which is the mother of Joseph, and the sun, which is Jacob himself. God shows us this woman to tell us

that Israel will be a nation in the last days, and that she will be protected from the dragon (Satan) for the first 1,260 days Rev 12:6, 14.

I urge you to please read Gen 37:9-10, and you will see that God is revealing Truth to us – if we are willing to accept it.

THE WOMAN WITH 12 STARS (Gen 37:9, Rev 12:1):

THE WOMAN IS ISRAEL

THE SUN IS JACOB

THE MOON IS RACHEL (WIFE OF JACOB)

THE 12 STARS ARE THE 12 SONS OF JACOB

-The Promise to Israel

God promised: Ezk 39:28-29 then they shall know that I am Jehovah their God who exiled them among the nations. But I have gathered them to their own land, and have not left any of them there. Nor will I hide My face from them any more, for I have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah. God promised in the Old Testament that He would bring the Jews back into their land in the last days, and then He would pour out His Spirit upon them so they would finally believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Messiah. But the devil will hate Israel, and he will try to destroy the Jews; they will, however, be protected.

Israel will be protected: Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God (The wilderness is the land of Israel), so that they might nourish her there a thousand, two hundred and sixty days. The woman, who is Israel, will be protected for one-thousand-two-hundred-sixty days, which is equal to 42 months. God was to bring the Jews back to Israel on wings of eagles: Rev 12:14 And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the serpent's face. This is a prophecy of the Jewish people returning to Israel after being persecuted for so long in so many countries. God brings back His people to their land in airplanes, for it says, “*that she might fly into her place.*” The **wilderness** represents the land of Israel since God calls it “**her place**” where she will be protected “nourished” for “*time and times and half a time*”, which represents the 3 1/2 (biblical) years that Israel will be protected from the serpent, or devil. There are many prophecies that God gave to Israel and fulfilled them. Zep 3:9 For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language After many years God restored the Hebrew language to Israel.

In Bible prophecy you will see these terms:

1,260 days are equal to 3-1/2 years (based on a year being 360 days)

42 months are equal to 3-1/2 years

Time, times and half times = 3-1/2 years

Each one of them amount to 3-1/2 years

The biblical year has only 360 days. $360\text{days} \times 3.5 = 1,260\text{days}$

Here are all the Bible verses with 3-1/2 years: Lk 4:25, Jam 5:17, Dn 7:25, Dn

12:7, Rev 12:14, Rev 11:2, Rev 13:5, Rev 11:3, Rev 12:6. And 3-1/2 days: Rev 11:9, Rev 11:11

In **Ezekiel 37** Jehovah tells us that He would bring Israel back as a nation in the last days and He does it by showing an example of a valley full of very dry bones, which God revives by putting flesh on them and finally breathing **His Spirit** on them. This shows us that our Holy God does not forget His promises. Let's look at Ezekiel chapter 37:1-14. (Later I will cover Ezekiel chapter 37:15-28)

Ezekiel 37

Let's look at what Ezekiel prophesied when referring to Israel in the **last days**: Ezk 37:1 The hand of Jehovah was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of Jehovah, and made me rest in the midst of a valley, and it was full of bones. Ezk 37:2 And He made me pass among them all around. And behold, very many were on the face of the valley. And lo, they were **very dry**. Ezk 37:3 And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Jehovah, You know. **God** presents Ezekiel a valley full of dry bones, and they were "**very dry**." Now put yourself in his shoes. If you saw "**very dry**" bones, would you think that they could live? If I am honest, I would have to say that I wouldn't, but that was the impression that God wanted to give Ezekiel.

God now instructs him to **prophecy to them**: Ezk 37:4 Again He said to me, Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of Jehovah. Ezk 37:5 So says the Lord Jehovah to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. Ezk 37:6 And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I am Jehovah. **God instructs Ezekiel to prophecy to the dry bones**, and he does exactly as he is told, **now look at what happened**: Ezk 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And behold, a **shaking!** And the bones came near, a bone to its bone. Ezk 37:8 And I watched. And behold! The sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin covered them above. **But there was no breath in them.** **Try to imagine this event,**

Ezekiel prophesies to the dry bones and they come together, then flesh comes upon them, and finally their skin. But we see a problem, “*there was no breath in them.*” So God instructs Ezekiel to prophesy to them so that **they may live:** *Ezk 37:9 And He said to me, Prophecy to the Spirit, prophesy, son of man, and say to the Spirit, So says the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe on these dead ones so that they may live.* *Ezk 37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the Spirit came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.* So, here they are alive after “*the Spirit came into them*” and they are a great army, but who are they? **Well, God answers that for us:** *Ezk 37:11 And He said to 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 by ourselves.* God tells us that these **bones are Israel**, and they say that their “*hope is lost; we are cut off by ourselves.*” What does this mean? Well, they had rejected Jesus *Mt 21:42* and for that they became cut off from God. But now **God tells Ezekiel to:** *Ezk 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and will bring you into the land of Israel.* *Ezk 37:13 And you shall know that I am Jehovah when I have opened your graves, O My people, and have brought you up out of your graves.* *Ezk 37:14 And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. And you shall know that I Jehovah have spoken and have done it, says Jehovah.* God had prophesied it, and here we are in a time when Israel is a nation (they have a flesh), all they need is for God to put His Spirit in them so that they will live by believing in Jesus Christ. Since God had said it and “done it”, He gets all the glory.

Let me explain what Ezekiel said in simple words; God showed him, that He would bring the Jews back to the nation of Israel in the last days, although it seemed impossible. And this has been fulfilled in 1948 when Israel became a nation, but they still have not accepted Jesus as their Messiah, well that is all we are waiting for, and as soon as the rapture happens, God will put His Holy Spirit on them and the 144,000 Jews will finally believe that Jesus is their messiah.

THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES REPRESENTS ISRAEL:
THE BONES CAME TOGETHER AND THEIR FLESH AND SKIN
BUT THEY HAD NO BREATH IN THEM
THE SPIRIT CAME INTO THEM (when they will believe in Christ)

The Son of Man in this verse is referring to Ezekiel and to Jesus Christ:
Ezk 37:9 *And He said to me Prophecy to the Spirit, prophesy, son of man, and say to the Spirit, So says the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O Spirit, and breathe on these dead ones so that they may live.*

**JESUS, THE SON OF MAN, SAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:
BREATHE ON ISRAEL SO THAT THEY MAY LIVE!**

THE TWELVE TRIBES ARE SEALED:

Out of the tribe of JUDAH 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of REUBEN, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of GAD, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of ASHER, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of NAPHTALI, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of MANASSEH, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of SIMEON, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of LEVI, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of ISSACHAR, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of ZEBULUN, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of JOSEPH, 12,000 had been sealed.
Out of the tribe of BENJAMIN, 12,000 had been sealed.

In Zechariah chapter 3 Joshua the high priest represented Israel and the sins of Israel yet God sent them The Branch (Jesus) who will forgive them of their sins. Zec 3:8-9 *For behold! I will bring forth My Servant the Branch... And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.* Christ will remove the sin of Israel in one day.

Rom 11:26 *And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, "There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.* Rom 11:27 *For this is My covenant with them, when I have taken away their sins."* **Christ is the Deliverer and Redeemer!**

Is 59:20 *And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says Jehovah.*

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let Me.

Luke 13:35 *Behold, your house is left to you desolate. And truly I say to you, You will not see Me until it come when you say, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Rev 14:1 *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion and with him a hundred forty and four thousand,*

The dead bones represent Israel, just as the fig tree represents Israel:

Jesus wanted fruit from Israel, but He found none so He cursed the tree saying: Mt 21:19 And seeing a fig tree in the way, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only. And He said to it, let no fruit grow on you forever. And immediately the fig tree withered away.

Mt 21:20 And when the disciples saw, they marveled, saying, How quickly the fig tree has withered away! After Israel rejected Christ, it withered away quickly. Mt 21:43 Therefore I say to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing out its **fruits**. And just as the dry bones were completely dead, so was the land of Israel. Yet God raised those bones and gave them life as He promised:

Hos 6:2 After two days He will bring us to life.

God raised those dead bones just as He will raise the fig tree:

Mt 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When its branch is still tender and puts out leaves, you know that summer is near.

The fig tree is now putting out leaves, and it will soon produce fruit.

God gave Jerusalem to Israel in 1967, and we are living in 2008.

God wants us to produce fruit in season and out of season.

The dead bones and the withered fig tree represent Israel.

Is 63:7 I will mention the loving-kindnesses of Jehovah, the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah has benefited for us, and the great good to the house of Israel by which He benefited them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses. Is 63:8 For He said, Surely they are **My people**, sons that will not lie; so He was their Savior. Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found **no lie**

EZEKIEL IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

EZ 36 ----- JEWS RETURN TO ISRAEL 36:10

EZ 37 ----- ISRAEL BELIEVES IN CHRIST 37:9

EZ 38, 39 ----- ARMAGEDDON 38:20, 39:4, 9, 12

EZ 40-48 ----- MILLENNIAL TEMPLE 48:35

Is 44:21 Remember, O Jacob and Israel; for you are My servant; I have formed you; you are My servant; O Israel, you shall not be forgotten by Me. Is 44:22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins; return to Me; for I have redeemed you. Is 44:23 Sing, O heavens; for Jehovah has done it. Shout, lower parts of the earth. Break out into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it. For Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel.