



THE HOLY SPIRIT POWER AND SPIRITUAL REVIVAL



“Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’”

(Ezekiel 37:4-6 NRSV)

This passage is about a prophetic message God gave to Ezekiel. It tells about the spiritual condition of Israel as a nation. God told Ezekiel those dry bones were the whole house of Israel, “Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’” (v.11). Yet, by the power of the Holy Spirit, those dry bones will come alive one day and they will be revived and return to their own land. That is the Holy Spirit power generating new life through supernatural and powerful spiritual revival.

1. A vision of a valley filled with dry bones. (vv.1-6)
 - a. The hand of the Lord upon the prophet.
 - b. The Spirit of the Lord leading Ezekiel.
 - c. The Word of the Lord speaking to the prophet. (“Prophesied to these dry bones”)

2. A prophetic message anointed by the Holy Spirit. (vv.7-10)
 - a. Ezekiel prophesied as he had been commanded.
 - b. True Revival is more than noise and rattling, it revives the dead.
 - c. Prophecy filled with the Holy Spirit power brings life to the dead.
 - d. The Holy Spirit power raised up a great army.

3. New hope through the power of prophecy. (vv.11-14)
 - a. New Prophecy for the people. (v.12)
 - b. New life for the nation. (v.13)
 - c. New spiritual relationship with God. (v.14)

The Holy Spirit power will bring a supernatural revival upon this land and this church. God's Word is so powerful that it can bring to life again what is already dead. Prayer is not the Holy Spirit power, but it can produce a powerful spiritual revival. Prayer conveys people's words, whereas prophecy conveys God's words. Revival starts with a vision. After we had received God's vision, we also received faith. Even when hope is lost already, the Lord will reveal his vision to his servants. Then he will put to test our faith. "Can these bones become living people again?" Yet, until the prophetic message has been proclaimed, the Spirit's power will be working a supernatural and spiritual revival. Let us pray for revival, but also have faith in God's Word. He reveals his word to his prophet in a sequence of events. Do you know even inanimate things can hear God's word? First, the Lord spoke to Ezekiel, "Prophecy to the mountains of Israel." (36:1). Then later, God spoke again: "Prophecy to these bones" (v.4) "Prophecy to the Spirit" (v.9) and "Prophecy to the people." (v.12). We will have a spiritual revival only through the power of the Holy Spirit.