

## OCTOBER SURPRISE: AWAKEN THE NATION DEVOTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Ezekiel 37:1-14 ESV

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon 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.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

### Opening Thoughts:

- The founders of our nation used a simple, yet profound formula:



- **God** the source of truth and the giver of life, liberty, and happiness.
- **Man** under God, over government. We choose our leaders to serve, not rule.
- **Government** to ensure our rights, not provide them. A government for the people and by the people.
- What happens when this gets out of alignment? When man is on top? When government is on top? Would you agree that it will only work when it is placed in that order?

**Key Takeaway:** If you are not properly aligned, you eventually decline.

- Perfection is not on the ballot, but direction is.
- Will WOKE Christians Save America? Woke defined as “awake to injustice around you.”
- Saving America is going to take more than WOKE Christians.

### 1) I am more than woke, I am awake. (verse 1)

- Ezekiel was awakened to all that was around him.
- First he was brought out of the world into the Spirit realm. He was then given a heavenly revelation of earthly reality. He saw dry bones. God saw something different.
- Read verses 2-6. What did God show Ezekiel? What was the difference in God’s perspective of the dry bones and Ezekiel’s perspective?
- Principle: Our job is not to see the world through the lens of the world, but to see the world through the lens of the Word—God reveals His perspective.

### 2) I am more than woke, I am a voice. (verse 4)

- What did God tell Ezekiel to say in verse 4 and to who or what was he suppose speak?
- God didn’t want Ezekiel to prophesy what he saw, but he wanted him to prophesy what God revealed to him.
- Definition of prophesy: to proclaim God’s quickening word.
- What words are coming from your mouth? Are you simply speaking out what you are seeing in the natural realm, or what God is saying in the spiritual realm?
- Read Mark 11:23-34. When the divine word of God goes forth from our mouth, power is released. Can you think of a “dry, dead” situation in your life? What is God saying about that situation? How can you prophesy over that situation? What words will you speak?
- Principle: God reveals, I repeat. You are not just a solitary voice, you are a power-filled voice.

### 3) I am more than woke, I am a movement. (verse 7)

- According to verse 7, what began to happen when Ezekiel speaks and echoes the voice of heaven?
- The Hebrew word translated rattle *ra’ash* means “quaking, shaking” and is translated elsewhere in the Bible as earthquake.

- How did the bones respond? What words would you use to describe what was happening as Ezekiel spoke? What would have happened if God asked Ezekiel to prophesy and he did not speak out what God revealed?
- The rattling was the sound of prophesy in action. It is up to us to repeat what God is saying.
- Read verses 11-14. What did God reveal about the dry bones to Ezekiel? What did God reveal about the future of the nation of Israel? How does this confirm the truth of the picture above? God—Man—Government
- Ezekiel would never see his nation the same. God revealed, Ezekiel prophesied, and the dry bones rose up and led the nation to freedom!
- Ask God what He is saying over your circumstances. What is the thing that you need to speak life into right now? Get a revelation and speak it!
- Principle: The world is waiting for the echo of heaven to be heard upon the earth.

**Application:**

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- God didn't see dry bones. He saw an army.
- God said it. The prophet repeated. Bones rattled.
- You are not just one solitary vote. You are a voice! Speak life back into our land!
- Lead in the right direction. Prophesy!
- God reveals, I repeat, they respond!