The Tale Of Two Mountains

- Chapter 35: The Mountain of Desolation
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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.

Ezekiel 37:11

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Ezekiel 37:12

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- Israel were subjugated by Rome in A.D. 70 and eventually forced out of their Land in A.D. 135
- The Romans renamed the Land ‘Palestina’
  - After Israel’s ancient enemies the Philistines
- Many years came & went in fulfilment of the judgment pronounced in Deuteronomy 28
- The year 1517 saw the last transference of the Land from the Mamelukes to the Ottoman Turks under Selim I
- Leviticus 26 specifically states that God will multiply Israel’s punishment by 7x if the did not obey
- …and we know that ’50’ is the number of years until the Jubilee

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- The land was miraculously bursting back into life, beautifully preparing the stage for the greatest homecoming in human history.

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- The Seeds of Restoration (1869–1890s)
- 1869: Mark Twain publishes The Innocents Abroad, broadcasting the official baseline witness of the land's desolation to the entire world.
- 1870: The founding of Mikveh Yisrael, the very first agricultural school established to teach Jewish people how to farm the Promised Land for the first time in two millennia.
- 1870s–1880s: Inspired by Charles Warren’s initial measurements, surveyors map out the entire biblical parameters of the land from Dan to Beersheba.
- Concurrently, severe persecutions in the Russian Empire act as the prophetic "hunters," driving the first massive waves of returning exiles.

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- The Birth of Zionism (1894–1897)
- 1894: In Paris, the paths of Mark Twain and a European journalist named Theodor Herzl converge. Herzl undergoes a profound transformation, birthing the political Zionist movement.
- August 31, 1897: Herzl convenes the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, and boldly records a 50-year prophecy in his diary: *"At Basel, I founded the Jewish State... Perhaps in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone will know it."*

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- The 1917 Jubilee: The Legal Recognition
- December 1916: The anti-Zionist British government of H.H. Asquith collapses just in time for the Jubilee year, elevating pro-Israel leaders David Lloyd George and Arthur Balfour to power.
- November 1917: The British Empire issues the Balfour Declaration, publicly recognising the right to a Jewish homeland.
- On the exact Sabbath of its release, synagogues worldwide read Genesis 12—the original covenant establishing Abraham's right to the land.

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- The 1947 Countdown: The 50-Year Pulse
- August 31, 1947: Exactly 50 years to the day after the First Zionist Congress, the United Nations Special Committee completes the "Partition Plan" to create a Jewish state.
- September 3, 1947: Exactly 50 years to the day after Herzl penned his diary ‘prophecy’, the Partition Plan is officially recorded by the UN General Assembly.
- November 29, 1947 (The UN Vote): The UN officially votes to ‘resurrect’ Israel as a nation.
    - **The Parasha**: The appointed scripture for that global Sabbath is Genesis 32:9, where God commands Jacob to "Return unto thy country.“
    - **The Scrolls:** On this exact day, Eliezer Sukenik unrolls the newly discovered Dead Sea Scrolls in Jerusalem. As the radio announces the rebirth of the nation, the ancient Word of God comes to light. First the Word, then the creation.

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- As prophesied by Isaiah, Israel became a nation in a day! (see Isaiah 66:8)
- God’s question to Ezekiel is answered with an emphatic “YES! *these bones can live!*”

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- But the prophetic story is not over yet…
- As we have noted with the Jubilee Principle, first the physical return, then the spiritual blindness will be removed…

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.

Ezekiel 37:14

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:

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Ezekiel 37:15-17

The End of Replacement Theology

- These verses are unequivocal!
- God is speaking about the restoration of the Nation of Israel, Abraham's biological descendants…
- NOT the Church!
- The Church is not the 'New Israel'
- God has not finished with Israel
- To state so is to deny the character and promised of God!

Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name:

If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

The C of E's Betrayal of Israel

- The Synod voted overwhelmingly to back a motion regarding a text called Kairos II (formally titled "A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide"),
  - which was drafted in late 2025 by a Palestinian 'Christian' ecumenical group.
- The document is intensely critical of Israel:
  - It explicitly labels the State of Israel a "colonial enterprise built on racism" and an "apartheid system built on Jewish supremacy."
  - It defines Israel's military operations in Gaza as a "genocidal war."
  - It rejects Christian Zionism, calling it a "theology of racism and colonialism."
  - It frames the October 7, 2023 attacks by Hamas as 'an inevitable consequence' born out of "decades of injustice, oppression, and displacement."

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thou meanest by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold,
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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.

Ezekiel 37:18-19

No “Lost” Tribes

- 930 BC: Jeroboam ruled the Northern Kingdom from his capital in Samaria
- 1 Kgs 11:43-12:33
- When Jeroboam turned the Northern Kingdom to idolatry, the Levites (and others who desired to remain faithful) migrated south to Rehoboam
- 2 Chr 11:13-17

No “Lost” Tribes

- Horrified that Jeroboam set up a rival religion, with golden calf worship at Bethel and Dan, many northerners moved south, knowing that the only place acceptable to God was the Temple on Mt. Moriah
- Deut 12:5-7; 16:2-6; Isa 18:7
- Those who favored idolatry, migrated north to Jeroboam.
- Later, when Asa reigned as king in the south, another great company came from the north

2 Chr 15:9

No “Lost” Tribes

- Eventually all 12 tribes were represented in the south.
- God even addresses the 12 tribes in the south: *“Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin...”*
  2 Chr 11:3
- The “tribe of Judah” is used idiomatically for the Southern Kingdom
  Cf. 1 Kgs 11:13,32, etc. 2 Kgs 17:18

- When encountering the tribal designations, it is important to distinguish between the territories allocated to the tribes and the people themselves.

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- Years after the deportation by Assyria, King Hezekiah of Judah issued a call to all Israel to come and worship in Jerusalem and celebrate Passover2 Chr 30:5-6, 10-11, 21
- 80 years later, King Josiah of Judah also issued a call and an offering for the temple came back from “Manasseh and Ephraim and all the remnant of Israel...” 2 Chr 34:9

New Testament Testimony

- Jesus came to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” Matt 10:5-6; 15:24
- Other tribes than Judah are mentioned specifically in the NT as being represented in the land Matt 4:13,15; Luke 2:36; Acts 4:36; Phil 3:5
- “The Twelve Tribes” Acts 26:7; James 1:1
- Anna knew her tribal identity from the tribe of Asher Luke 2:30
- Paul knew he was of the tribe of Benjamin—a “Jew” and an “Israelite” Rom 11:1

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- At Pentecost, Peter cries
- “Ye men of Judea” Acts 2:14
- “Ye men of Israel…” Acts 2:22
- “All the house of Israel..” Acts 2:36
- The New Testament speaks of Israel 75 times and uses the word “Jew” 174 times
  - Acts 21:39; 22:3; Rom 11:1; 2 Cor 11:22; Phil 3:5, etc.

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- There are 12,000 sealed from each of The 12 Tribes
  Rev 7
- The 12 Apostles are to rule over each of the 12 Tribes
  Matt 19:28; Luke 22:30
- The 12 Tribes each have designated divisions of the Land in the Millennium
  Eze 48

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:

Ezekiel 37:20-21

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:

Ezekiel 37:22

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Ezekiel 37:23

- We hope in the same promises from a faithful covenant-keeping God!
- Our hope for eternity is based on His promises.

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.

Ezekiel 37:24-25

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Ezekiel 37:26

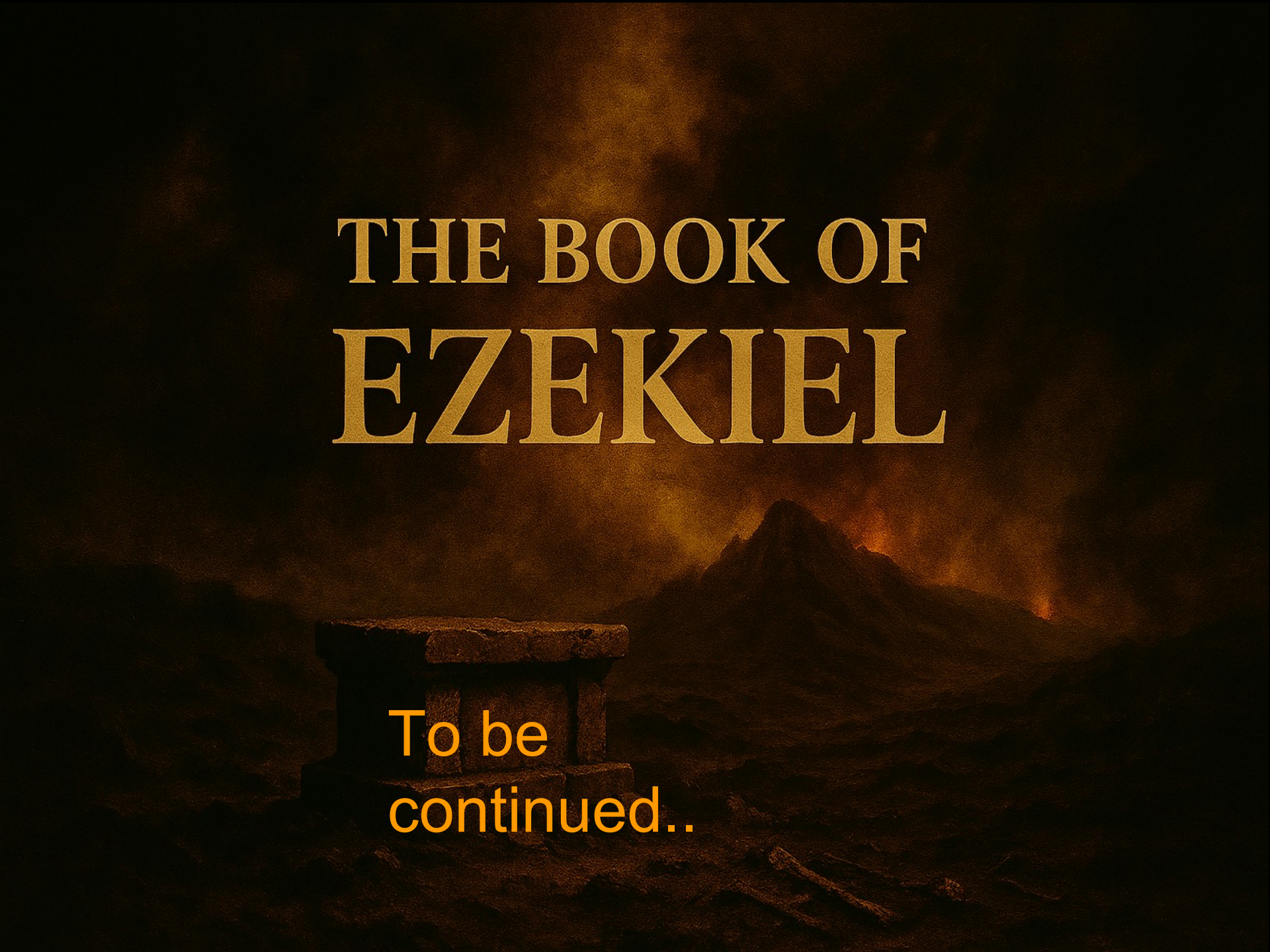
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27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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Ezekiel 37:27-28

- ‘My dwelling’
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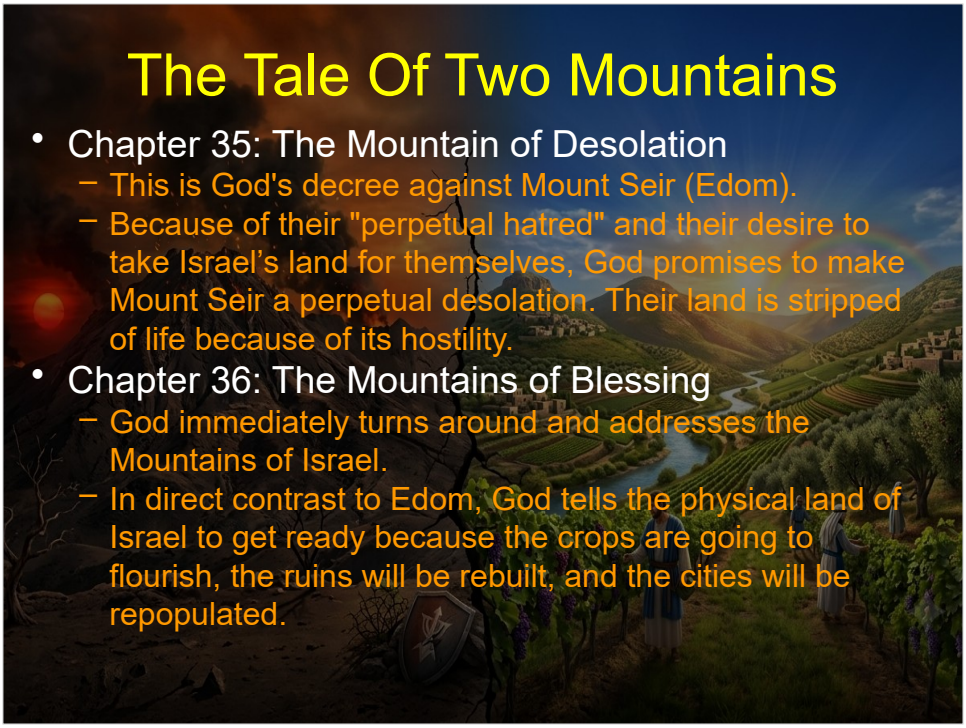
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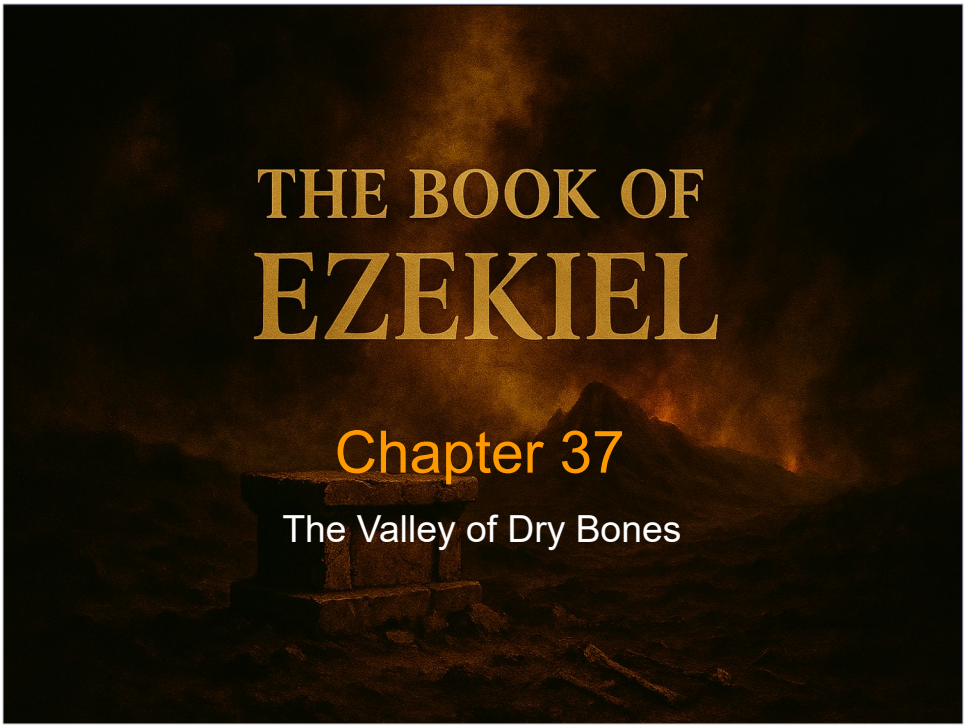
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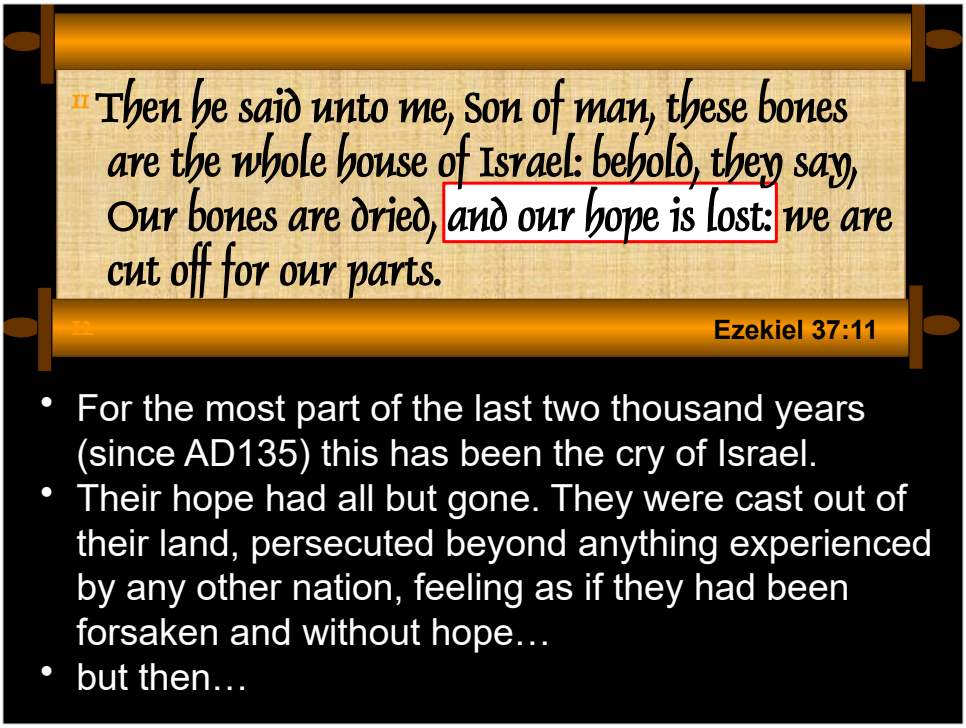
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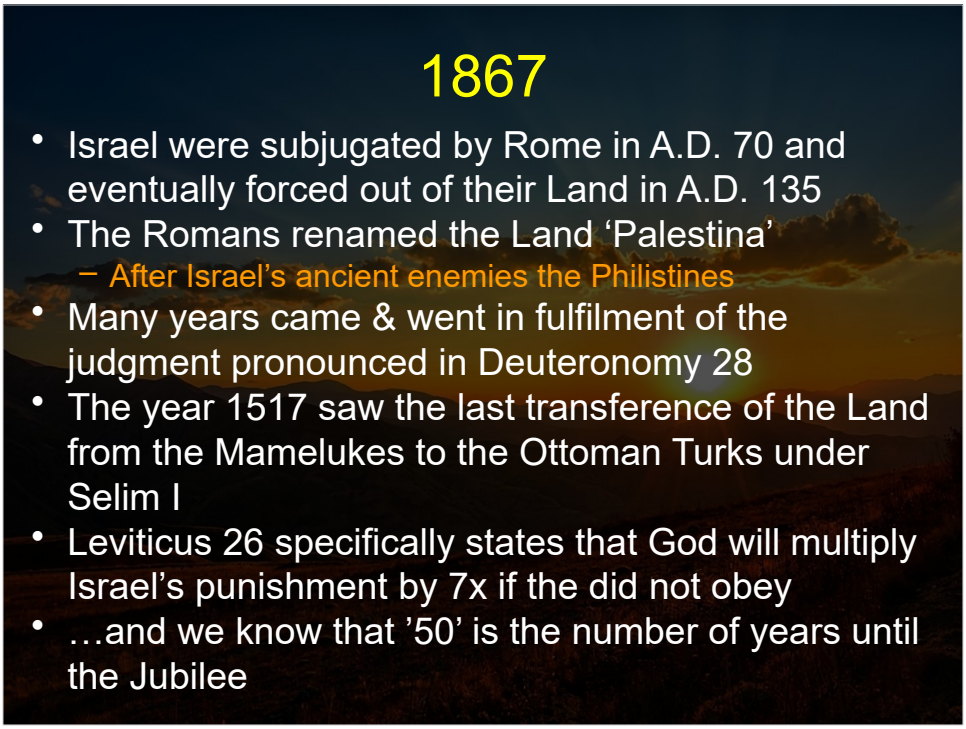
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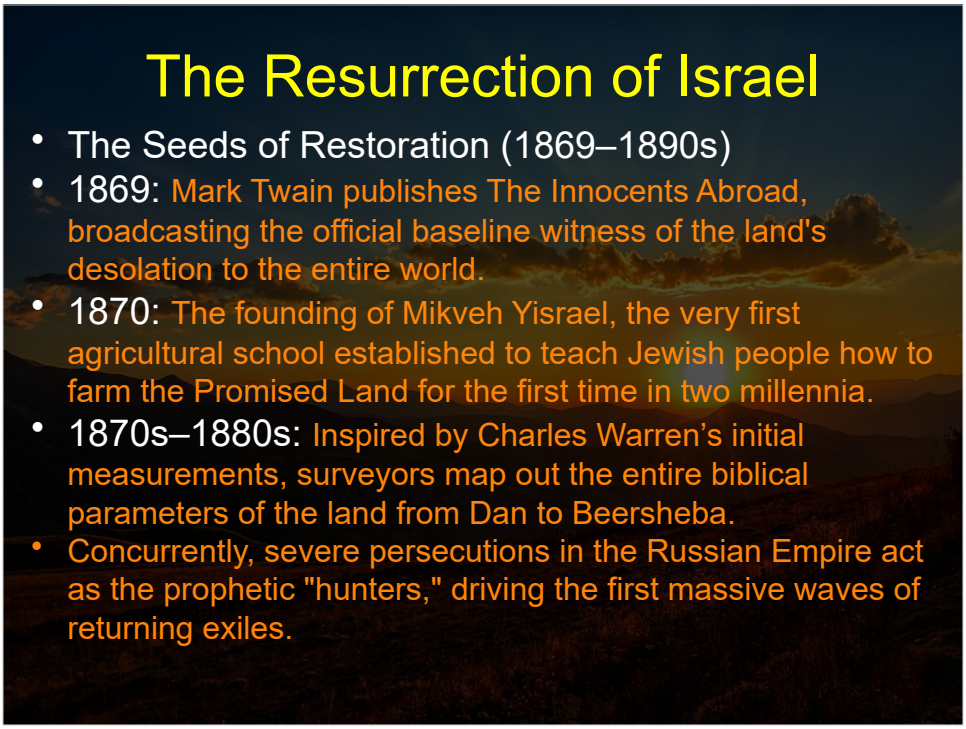
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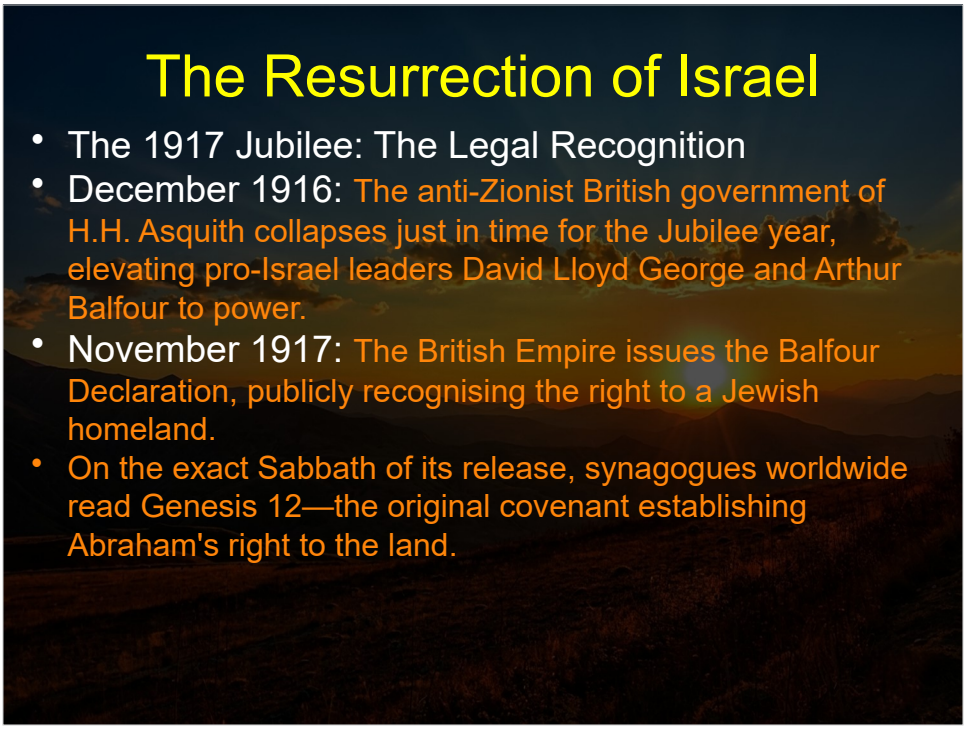
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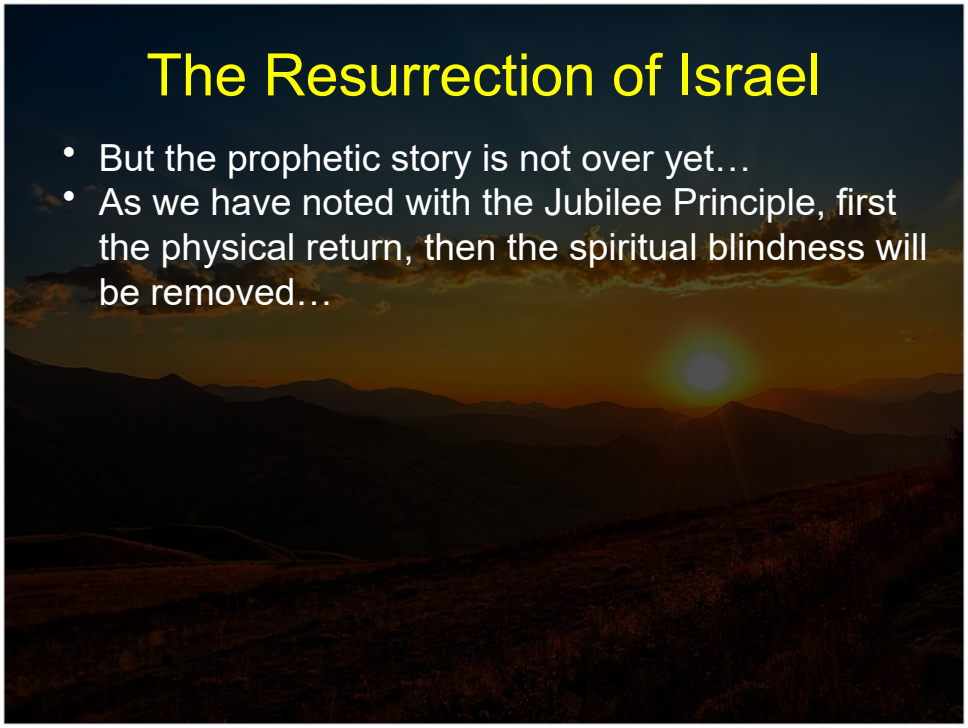


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17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

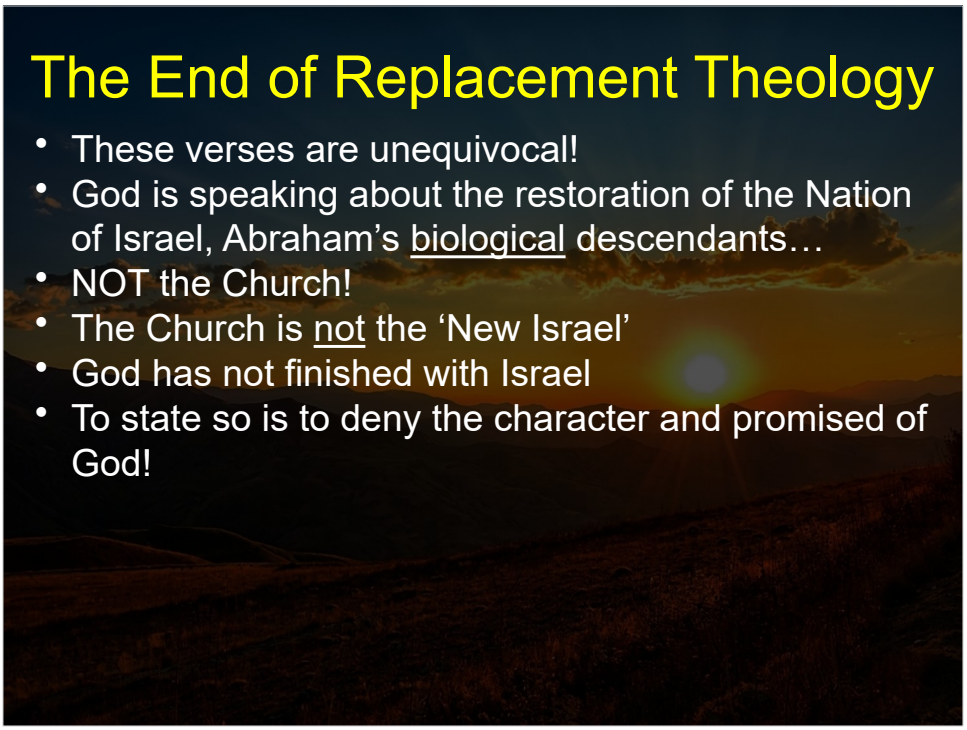
Ezekiel 37:15-17

With the recent announcement by the Anglican Church, all ministers who love the World of God should now resign and get out!

You can no longer be part of an establishment that embraces everything that God abhors!

The C of E's attitude to Israel is based on grossly inaccurate propaganda put forth by hateful terrorist groups that has been embraced and peddled by the morally bankrupt and inept left-wing media – like the BBC, Sky News, the Telegraph etc…

You simply cannot trust anything they say. They are anti-truth and anti-God.



exaggerated pride or self-confidence

Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name:

If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

The C of E's Betrayal of Israel

- The Synod voted overwhelmingly to back a motion regarding a text called Kairos II (formally titled "A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide"),
  - which was drafted in late 2025 by a Palestinian 'Christian' ecumenical group.
- The document is intensely critical of Israel:
  - It explicitly labels the State of Israel a "colonial enterprise built on racism" and an "apartheid system built on Jewish supremacy."
  - It defines Israel's military operations in Gaza as a "genocidal war."
  - It rejects Christian Zionism, calling it a "theology of racism and colonialism."
  - It frames the October 7, 2023 attacks by Hamas as 'an inevitable consequence' born out of "decades of injustice, oppression, and displacement."

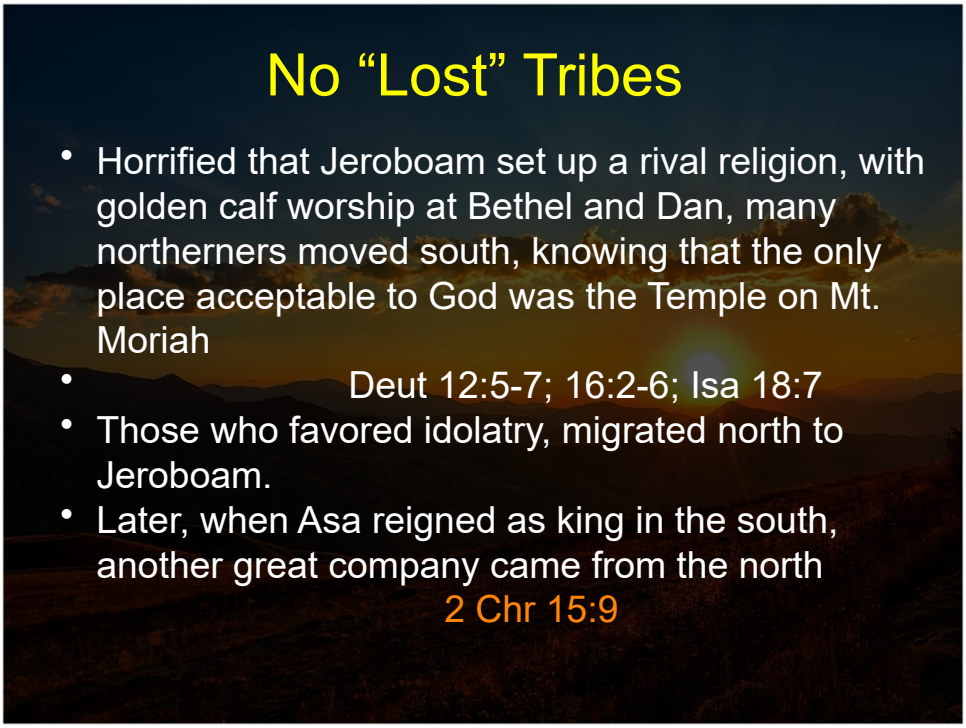
18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

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.

Ezekiel 37:18-19



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No “Lost” Tribes

- Eventually all 12 tribes were represented in the south.
- God even addresses the 12 tribes in the south: *“Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin...”*
  2 Chr 11:3
- The “tribe of Judah” is used idiomatically for the Southern Kingdom
  Cf. 1 Kgs 11:13,32, etc. 2 Kgs 17:18

- When encountering the tribal designations, it is important to distinguish between the territories allocated to the tribes and the people themselves.

No “Lost” Tribes

- Years after the deportation by Assyria, King Hezekiah of Judah issued a call to all Israel to come and worship in Jerusalem and celebrate Passover2 Chr 30:5-6, 10-11, 21
- 80 years later, King Josiah of Judah also issued a call and an offering for the temple came back from “Manasseh and Ephraim and all the remnant of Israel...” 2 Chr 34:9

New Testament Testimony

- Jesus came to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” Matt 10:5-6; 15:24
- Other tribes than Judah are mentioned specifically in the NT as being represented in the land Matt 4:13,15; Luke 2:36; Acts 4:36; Phil 3:5
- “The Twelve Tribes” Acts 26:7; James 1:1
- Anna knew her tribal identity from the tribe of Asher Luke 2:30
- Paul knew he was of the tribe of Benjamin—a “Jew” and an “Israelite” Rom 11:1

New Testament Testimony

- At Pentecost, Peter cries
- "Ye men of Judea" Acts 2:14
- "Ye men of Israel..." Acts 2:22
- "All the house of Israel.." Acts 2:36
- The New Testament speaks of Israel 75 times and uses the word "Jew" 174 times
  - Acts 21:39; 22:3; Rom 11:1; 2 Cor 11:22; Phil 3:5, etc.

New Testament Testimony

- There are 12,000 sealed from each of The 12 Tribes
  Rev 7
- The 12 Apostles are to rule over each of the 12 Tribes
  Matt 19:28; Luke 22:30
- The 12 Tribes each have designated divisions of the Land in the Millennium
  Eze 48

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:

Ezekiel 37:20-21

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:

Ezekiel 37:22

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 dwelling places,
wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse
them: so shall they be my people, and I will be
their God.

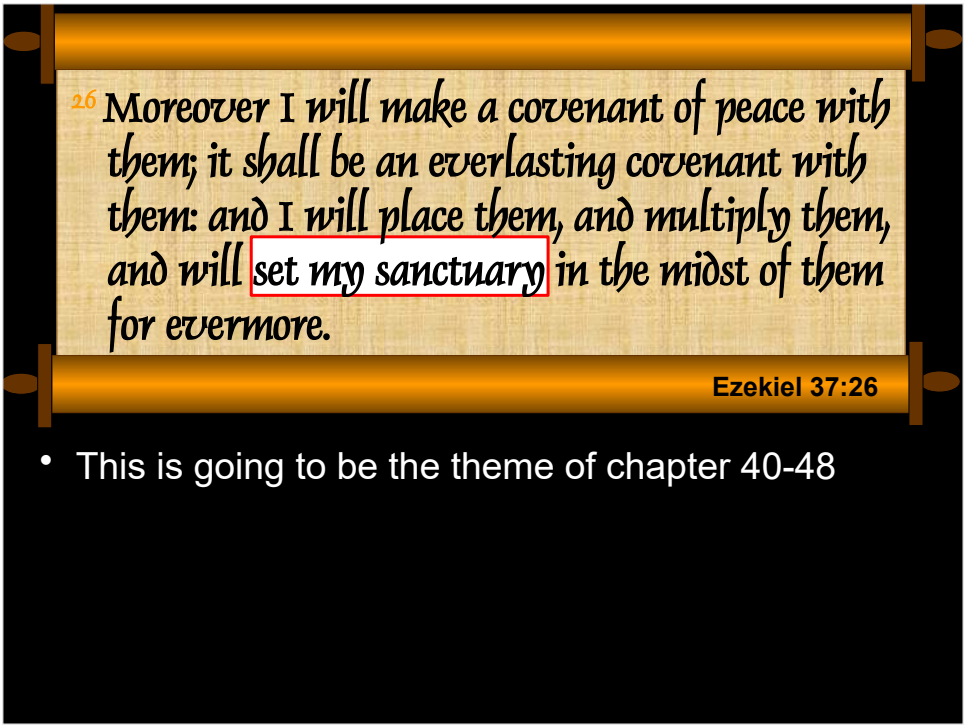
Ezekiel 37:23

- We hope in the same promises from a faithful covenant-keeping God!
- Our hope for eternity is based on His promises.

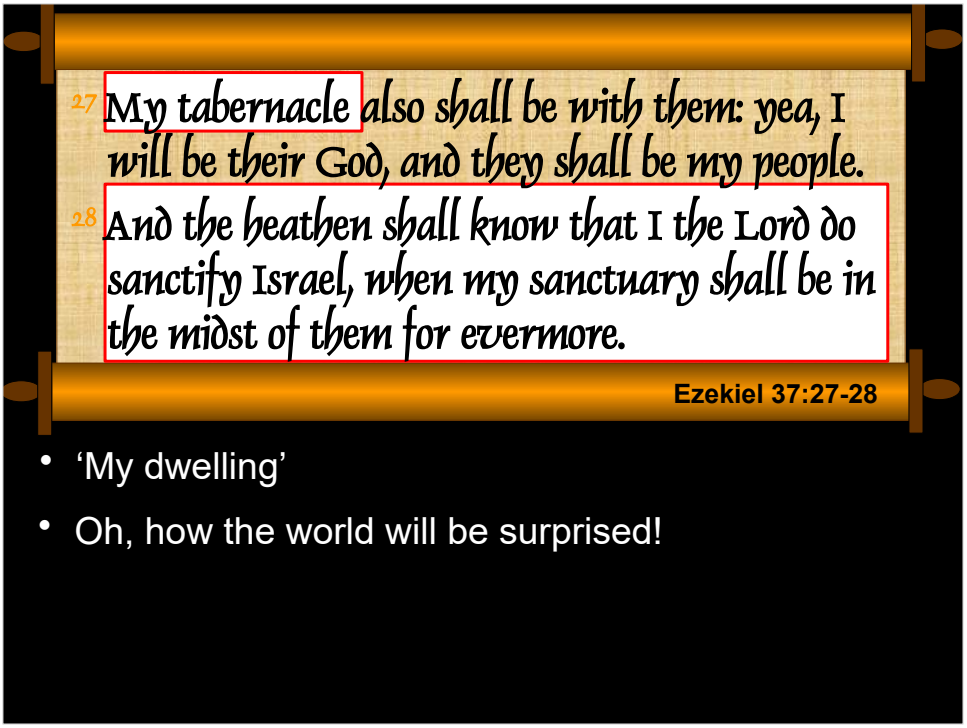
24 And David my servant shall be king over them;
and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall
also walk in my judgments, and observe my
statutes, and do them.

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.

Ezekiel 37:24-25



This is going to be the theme of chapter 40-48



Oh how the world will be surprised!


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