

# Week 6 Student Study Guide

**Title:** The Valley of Dry Bones – Resurrection, Revival, and Hope

**Primary Text:** Ezekiel 37 (KJV)

## Historical & Literary Context

Ezekiel 37 is delivered to a people who believe their national and spiritual future is finished. The exile has produced hopelessness, not repentance. God responds not with rebuke but with a vision of resurrection. This chapter marks a decisive shift from judgment to restoration and prepares the way for final renewal promises later in the book.

## Theological Exposition

The valley of dry bones represents Israel's complete loss of hope—bones are not merely dead, they are very dry. God's question, 'Can these bones live?' reframes impossibility through divine power. Restoration occurs through the proclamation of the Word and the movement of the Spirit. Word without Spirit produces structure without life; Spirit without Word lacks direction. Together, they bring resurrection.

The vision is explicitly interpreted as national restoration, yet it also establishes a pattern for spiritual renewal. God restores identity, community, and purpose before restoring land. This passage becomes foundational for later resurrection theology.

## Key Verses for the Week (KJV)

- 1 Ezekiel 37:1
- 2 Ezekiel 37:2
- 3 Ezekiel 37:3
- 4 Ezekiel 37:4
- 5 Ezekiel 37:5
- 6 Ezekiel 37:6
- 7 Ezekiel 37:7
- 8 Ezekiel 37:8
- 9 Ezekiel 37:9
- 10 Ezekiel 37:10
- 11 Ezekiel 37:11
- 12 Ezekiel 37:12
- 13 Ezekiel 37:13
- 14 Ezekiel 37:14
- 15 Ezekiel 37:27

## Memory Verse

Ezekiel 37:14 (KJV): "And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live..."

## **New Testament Cross-Text Mapping**

• John 5:24–29 – Resurrection through the voice of the Son of God. • Romans 8:10–11 – The Spirit who gives life. • 1 Corinthians 15:42–45 – Resurrection body theology. • Ephesians 2:1–6 – From death to life in Christ. • Revelation 11:11 – The breath of life from God.

## **Contemporary & Spiritual Application**

Ezekiel 37 speaks to believers facing spiritual exhaustion, communal decline, or personal despair. God does not deny the reality of death; He demonstrates His power over it. Revival begins when God's Word is spoken faithfully and His Spirit is welcomed fully. What appears irrecoverable to human sight remains fully restorable in God's hands.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1 Why does God ask Ezekiel if the bones can live?
- 2 What is the relationship between God's Word and God's Spirit in this vision?
- 3 How does national restoration relate to personal spiritual renewal?
- 4 What areas of life today resemble a valley of dry bones?