

VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES

More and more years later, when people were still praying, but sometimes they weren't listening to GOD in their dreams the way their mothers and fathers had done, there was a man named Ezekiel who had learned from his grandparents how to learn about GOD by remembering his dreams had a vision. It was so very real that he just KNEW GOD was speaking to him.

The Spirit of GOD, the wind that moved around at creation time lifted him up and brought him to a very special valley, a valley that was holy to the people because they used it to bury their relatives. There were bones everywhere.... they were old bones from people who had died a long, long time ago.

GOD's Spirit asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel, knowing he was only a simple man and not full of much education turned to GOD's Spirit which, of course, knew everything... Oh, Lord God, YOU know.

The Spirit told Ezekiel to speak to the bones using the words: Hear the word of the Lord: I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. I will lay muscles on your and tissue and then skin and finally put breath in you and you will live..... this will happen because you know I am the LORD.

Ezekial did just that. There was a creepy noise of rattling and banging and crunching and the bones came together, one on the other. He looked again and saw the muscles growing on the bones, then the tissue, then the skin... but then everything: all these limp bodies just laid there. There was no noise, no movement. They were NOT alive.

The Spirit instructed Ezekial to say: Come, all the four winds, all my friends and all creation..... breathe the breath of life into these bodies, that they may live. And he did just that.... and they stood up, one by one and a hundred by a hundred..... they all stood up at attention and worshipping GOD in Spirit....

The Spirit said to Ezekial. Here they are.... they represent the nation and people of Israel. I can and do open graves.... I will bring this people to their own land, to claim as their own, as I have designed. And GOD's promise again was fulfilled.