

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.



Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.



And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"
So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."



Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

Revelation 7:13



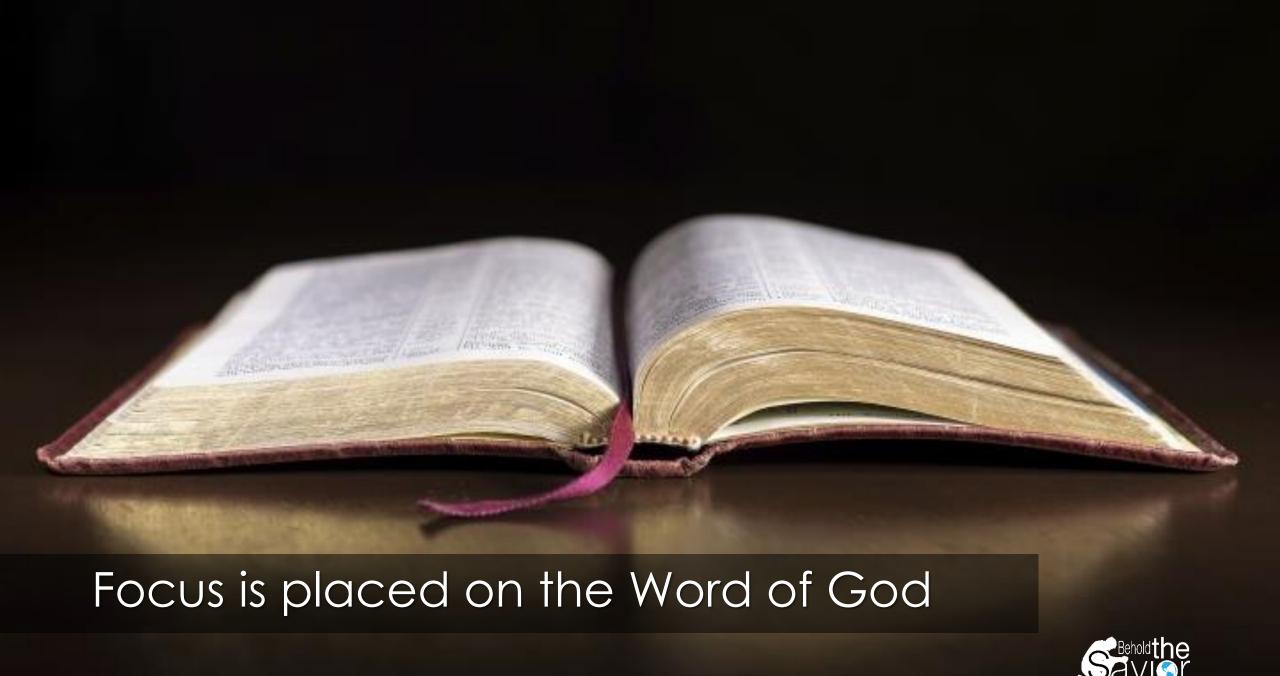
And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:14



Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, "O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!





Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.





And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7



I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.""



So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.



Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.



Also 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.""



Ezekiel invites all the power of the Holy Spirit to bring the bodies to life.



So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.







Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'





Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.



Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.



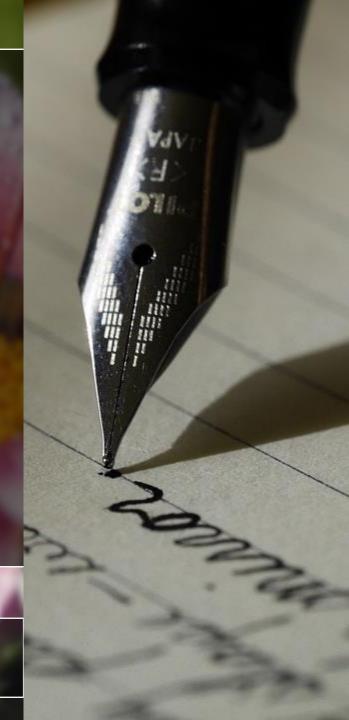




I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.'"



...the word of the prophecy must be spoken even to those who are like the dry bones in the valley. We are in no wise to be deterred from fulfilling our commission by the listlessness, the dullness, the lack of spiritual perception,





in those upon whom the Word of God is brought to bear. We are to preach the word of life to those whom we may judge to be as hopeless subjects as though they were in their graves.

