## EPISODE NO. 203

## Ezek. 37:1-14

## The Valley of the Dried-up Bones

1 The power of Yahweh was upon me (the prophet Ezekiel). He brought me out by the Spirit of Yahweh. And, He caused me to rest in the middle of a valley. It was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among the bones. And, look, there were many, many bones on the valley floor. I saw that the bones were very dry. 3 Then he asked me, "O human being, could these bones live!?"

I answered, "O Lord Yahweh, You are the only One who knows that."

4 Yahweh said to me, "Prophesy to these bones. Tell them this: 'O dry bones, hear the Word of Yahweh!' 5 This is what the Lord Yahweh says to these bones: 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you. Then you will live. 6 I will put muscles on you. I will put flesh on you. I will cover you with skin. Then I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will KNOW that I am Yahweh!'"

7 So, I prophesied as I was commanded. As I was prophesying, there was a noise. Listen, it was a rattling sound. The bones came together — bone to bone. 8 I continued to watch. Muscles formed on the bones. The flesh came up. And, skin covered the bones. But there was no breath in them.

9 Then God said to me, "Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, O human being, and say to the breath: 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says: "O breath, come from the four winds. Breathe into these people who were killed, so that they can live again!" '"

10 So, I prophesied as He commanded me. And, the breath went into them, and they came to life. They stood upon their feet. They were a very, very large army.

11 Then Yahweh said to me: "O human being, these bones are like all the people of Israel. Behold, they say this: 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is gone. We are completely destroyed!' 12 Therefore, prophesy. And say this to them: 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves. And, I will cause you to come up out of your graves. Then I will bring you back home to the land of Israel. 13 This is how you, O My people, will KNOW that I am Yahweh! I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of them. 14 And, I will put My Spirit inside

you. You will come to life. Then I will settle you in your own land. And, you will KNOW that I, Yahweh, have spoken. I did it!" 'says Yahweh."