

Ezekiel 37:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

Analysis

"And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves." Resurrection serves to reveal God's identity and character. The phrase "know that I am the LORD" appears throughout Ezekiel—knowledge of God is redemption's goal. Salvation isn't merely escaping judgment but knowing God truly. The Reformed emphasis on knowledge of God as eternal life (John 17:3) appears here. Resurrection demonstrates God's power, faithfulness, and covenant love. Every resurrection—spiritual and physical—displays God's glory and evokes worship.

Historical Context

The exiles needed to know Yahweh truly, not merely nominally (587 BC). Pre-exilic Israel knew God's name but not character, claiming Him while serving idols. Judgment and restoration would teach authentic knowledge of God. The return from exile demonstrated God's power and faithfulness, deepening theological understanding. Christ's resurrection supremely reveals God's character—power over death, faithfulness to promises, love for His people. Every conversion demonstrates "know that I am the LORD" as the Spirit opens spiritually blind eyes.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has experiencing spiritual resurrection deepened your knowledge of God's character?
2. What does it mean to know God truly versus merely knowing about Him?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּדְעוּ אֲנִי	אֲנִי	יְהוָה	בִּפְתָּחִי	אֶת	
And ye shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD	when I have opened	H853
H3045		H3068	H6605		
מִקְבְּרוֹתֵיכֶם	וַבְּהֵעָלוֹתִי	אֶתְכֶם	מִקְבְּרוֹתֵיכֶם	עַמִּי:	
out of your graves	and brought you up	H853	out of your graves	O my people	
H6913	H5927		H6913	H5971	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 37:6 (References Lord): And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 16:62 (References Lord): And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: