

Ezekiel 37:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"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." The detailed description of resurrection—sinews, flesh, skin, breath—emphasizes systematic, comprehensive restoration. This isn't partial healing but complete re-creation. The purpose clause "ye shall know that I am the LORD" reveals that resurrection serves to display God's character and power. Salvation's ultimate goal is knowing God, not merely experiencing benefits. The Reformed emphasis on God's glory as creation's chief end appears—we exist to know and glorify Him.

Historical Context

The stages of resurrection (587 BC) depict progressive restoration: physical regathering (sinews, flesh, skin) followed by spiritual regeneration (breath/spirit). The post-exilic return began this process, but complete fulfillment awaits Christ's return. The purpose—"know that I am the LORD"—appears over 70 times in Ezekiel, emphasizing that all divine action aims at revealing God's character. Salvation isn't primarily about human benefit but God's glory. This theocentric focus corrects anthropocentric theology reducing God to servant of human needs.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the detailed resurrection process reveal God's comprehensive restoration plan?
2. What does "know that I am the LORD" teach about salvation's ultimate purpose?

Interlinear Text

וְנָתַתִּי י'	עֲלֶיךָ מ	גִּיד ים	וְהָעֵלֶתִי י'	עֲלֶיךָ מ	בָּשָׂר ר
And I will lay	H5921	sinews	upon you and will bring up	H5921	flesh
H5414		H1517	H5927		H1320
וְקָרַמְתִּי י'	עֲלֵיכֶם	ע וֹר	וְנָתַתִּי י'	בְּךָ מ	ר וִם
upon you and cover	H5921	you with skin	And I will lay	H0	breath
H7159		H5785	H5414		H7307
וְחַיִּיתֶם מ	וַיֵּדְעֶתֶם מ	כִּי	אֲנִי י'	יְהוָה:	
in you and ye shall live	and ye shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD	
H2421	H3045			H3068	

Additional Cross-References

Joel 2:27 (References Lord): And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Isaiah 49:23 (Sin): And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and

lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Joel 3:17 (References Lord): So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Ezekiel 37:14 (References Lord): And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 39:6 (References Lord): And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 38:23 (References Lord): Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 6:7 (References Lord): And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 35:9 (References Lord): I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 35:12 (References Lord): And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.

Ezekiel 34:27 (References Lord): And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.