

The Valley of Dry Bones



Romans 15:4, “Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

Historical Background of **Ezekiel**

- **Ezekiel, God's prophet, 592-570 BC**
- **North Kingdom, captivity 100 yrs**
- **South Kingdom, captivity 14 yrs**
 - **Jerusalem conquered and burned**
 - **Temple destroyed**
 - **Dismal time for Israel**

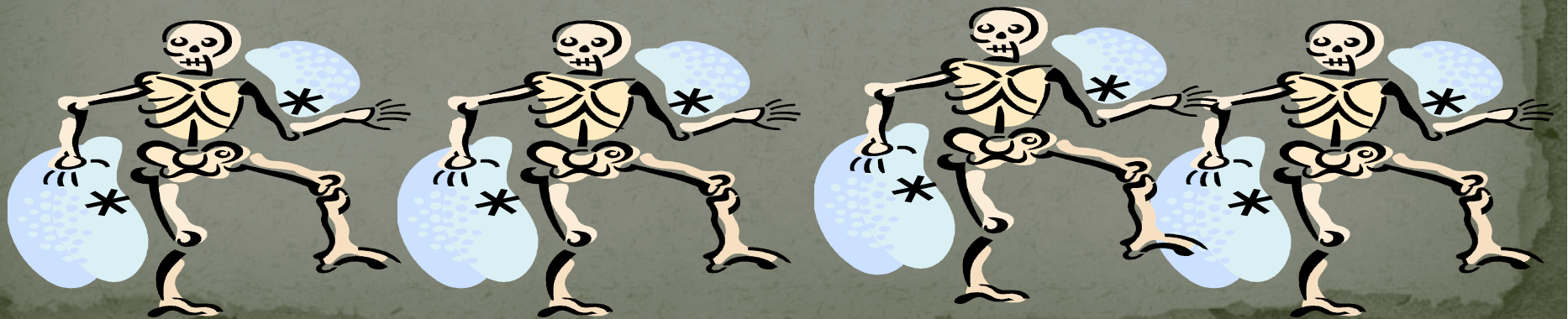


Many Unusual Lessons From the Old Testament

- Hosea told to marry a harlot
 - **Hosea 1:2**
- Naaman told to dip in Jordan 7 X
 - **2 Kings 5:10**
- Moses told to raise a brazen serpent
 - **Numbers 21:4-9**
- Ezekiel told to lay on his left side for 390 days
 - **Ezekiel 4:4-8**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Another Unusual Lesson



Lesson Learned # 1

**Need to obey God
regardless how
irrational it seems !**

Vs. 5 & 9

Acts 2:38

1 Corinthians 1:18

Mark 12:22-25

Jeremiah 10:23

Isaiah 55:8-9



Lesson Learned # 2

**Nothing is
impossible with God !**

Vs. 7-8

Romans 1:16

1 Corinthians 3:5-6

Acts 22:3-5



Lesson Learned # 3

**Preach what God
says preach !**

Vs. 7 & 10

Jonah 3:2

Romans 10:15

2 Timothy 4:2

1 Peter 4:11



Lesson Learned # 4

Self Examination is Needed !

**Could we look alive outside,
yet be dead on the inside ?**

Vs. 1-2

2 Corinthians 13:5

Revelation 3:2

Revelation 2:5



Conclusion

- **We seemingly have an impossible task, like that of Ezekiel.**
- **We have been told to preach the gospel Christ to a dead world.**
- **Remember,**
 - **Obey regardless of rationality**
 - **All things are possible with God**
 - **Preach only what God says preach**
 - **Continually Self Examine**

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