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Episode 82 - Unveiling the Sanctuary: Christ as Our Eternal Refuge

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Welcome to another enlightening episode of DTG Ministries' Revelation podcast, where host Scott Stanley delves deep into prophetic scriptures to uncover the profound truth about the sanctuary of Christ. In this episode, we explore the spiritual awakening of Israel through the prophecies of Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Romans. Discover the significance of the everlasting covenant of peace mentioned in Ezekiel 37 and how it relates to Isaiah's depiction of Christ as a sanctuary.

Scott draws connections between the prophetic visions of dry bones in Ezekiel and the transformative journey of believers towards understanding their own spiritual heritage. He emphasizes the unity of Jew and Gentile as one body in Christ, breaking down the barriers that have historically divided them. This episode serves as an insightful exploration into how the sanctuary, representing Christ, symbolizes a place set apart for divine purpose, inviting listeners to reflect on their own spiritual journey and identity in Christ.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. DTG... the Deep Things of God. We are continuing our Revelation podcast. I thought this would slow down a little bit. It hasn't.

If I could just get right into the thoughts for today, we know, according to Isaiah 59:20-21, the Savior is going to come out of Zion and go to Jacob. Of course, I realized this is one thing the book of Revelation is about: That the church will come to an understanding of truth, and in that process of perfecting it, the trumpets will be sounded, and they will be sent to Jacob.

Jacob is a symbol for the Jews who have not received Christ yet. In this prophecy, of course, Paul talks about this in Romans 11, and the fullness of the Gentiles will happen, and the message will go to Jacob. I've been looking at that, and there is a prophecy in Ezekiel 37, at the end of that chapter, that I want to start with. In verse 26,

Eze 37:26 Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them...

Again, if you remember in the last podcast, the Branch and the Priest, the instruction of our peace and the counsel of peace being between the two of them. We know it's the everlasting covenant.

Eze 37:26 I'll make a covenant of peace with them, ... and I will place them, and multiply them, and set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore.

Eze 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them. Yes, I will be their God, and they'll be my people.

Now, when we talk about this sanctuary, there is a verse that has always intrigued me, and this is in Isaiah, chapter 8. I'm going to start reading from verse 13.

Isa 8:13 Sanctify Jehovah of hosts himself. Let him be your fear, let him be your dread.

Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary (if you do that). But he'll be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and snare to the inhabitants of Old Jerusalem.

So what does he mean, *"he shall be for a sanctuary,"* because Isaiah 8:14 is quoted in Romans 9, applying it to Christ. How is Christ like a sanctuary? Well, when we see this, it just seems to lead into so many things, taking it from Ezekiel 37, which is a huge chapter, and you'll see what I mean. How is Jesus like a sanctuary?

Gal 3:26 For you are all the children of God through the faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been immersed into Christ have put on Christ.

The word "put on" in the Greek is [1746], and when you look this up, you'll discover that it means, like "to put on a garment, to cause to get into a garment, to clothe yourself, to be dressed." But metaphorically, it's used of the soul as clothes with the body, 2 Corinthians 5:3. So to be in him, I just put in my Bible "for as many of you as have been immersed into Christ have sunk into Christ." See, he becomes the sanctuary. How?

Because the "sanctuary" means "to be set apart." The definition of this word begins with "to be set apart." Now get this. This is from the ancient Hebrew. The actual meaning is set apart. The concrete meaning is a prostitute. Abstract, it means special, set apart from the rest for a special function, and if you just trace this word out, you finally come to the word sanctuary. It is a place set apart for a special purpose.

That's Jesus. If you have been immersed into Jesus, you have sunk into, you are clothed with Jesus if you've been immersed into him, according to Galatians 3:26. To be baptized into Jesus is defined in Romans 6. Reading from verse 3.

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were or are immersed into Jesus Christ are immersed into his death?

You're buried with him in that baptism of water, the spirit. You're immersed into the water of the word. This is the baptism of the Spirit if you're immersed into his death.

Rom 6:4 ... Like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.

So, for God to say he is going to place his sanctuary in the midst, notice again, Christ is that sanctuary according to Isaiah 8:14. I'm going to read this again, Ezekiel 37.

Eze 37:26 I'm going to make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant. I will place them and multiply them and set my sanctuary, the Son of God, in the midst of them (in your heart) forevermore.

Eze 37:27 My tabernacle also will be with them...

Well, the tabernacle in Revelation 21 is the Holy Spirit. This is New Jerusalem. So here in this prophecy in Ezekiel 37:26-28, is the promise of giving them the understanding of their Messiah, the sanctuary, that they can be immersed into this sanctuary, and the tabernacle, the Holy Spirit will be with them. *I'll be their God, and they'll be my people.* He'll say, *"I'll be their God; they'll be my people"* because you possess the Holy Spirit.

I can't go on without saying this. I heard a guy teaching about blaspheming the Holy Spirit. Of course, he didn't know what he was talking about, but if you'll remember, you can blaspheme the Son of man, but not the Holy Spirit, which is the risen Savior. If you're blaspheming the Holy Spirit, then you'll never understand your own iniquity and how to overcome it. That's why he says that you'll not be forgiven. You're doing that to yourself. It isn't that God's so mad he can't forgive you. It's that if you're blaspheming the answer to your salvation, you can't be forgiven (Mat 12:31-32).

So, back to Ezekiel 37. In Ezekiel 37, his covenant of peace is the everlasting covenant. He places his sanctuary in the midst, his tabernacle. He'll be your God. You'll be his people. Well, in Ezekiel 37, before he says that, he says something else. Look at verse 24.

Eze 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall also walk in my judgments and observe my statutes and do them.

We know David, my servant, and the one shepherd is Jesus. But look at the next verse.

Eze 37:25 They shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt, and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and my servant David will be their prince (son of a king) forever.

What is he talking about, the land that he promised Jacob? Because we're looking at this spiritually, and I want you to see something. If you'll look at (we're in Ezekiel), look at chapter 28, verse 25.

Eze 28:25 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, when I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

Now, for him to be sanctified, of course, I think of the sanctuary. It's a set-apart place, a sanctified place for a special purpose. That special purpose is to heal you from all iniquity. Let's read another one.

Eze 36:28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Well, there it is again. *I'll be your God. You're going to be my people when my tabernacle is there.* So what is he talking about, *"the land I gave to your fathers"*? Well, because all of this ties in to Ezekiel 37, I want you to turn to Hebrews, chapter 11. In Hebrews 11, I want to just read some things here that explain all of this, starting at verse 8.

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, ...

Now stop right there. See, here we have the word "inheritance." Remember, the inheritance, *the Holy Spirit is the earnest of your inheritance* (Eph 1:13-14). Hold your place there and look at Jeremiah 3:18.

Jer 3:18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel. They shall come together out of the land of the north (which is Babylon), to the land that I have given for what? An inheritance unto your fathers.

The land is the inheritance. Well, then what in the world would the land be? Let's keep reading in Hebrews. I'm going to read verse 8 again.

Heb 11:8 By faith, Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance (now see, we always look at this literally), he obeyed, and he went out not knowing where he went. (He wasn't understanding it. See, I'm looking at this spiritually.)

Heb 11:9 By faith, he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.

Now remember, you're going to dwell in this land of promise, promise to Jacob. Let me say something about the land of promise. You're given a promise, and you believe in that. You hope in that promise. The land of promise is in your mind. You're dwelling in that land. See, by faith, he sojourned in a land of promise in a strange country. He wasn't understanding. He was dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs of this same promise. They all dwelt in the land of promise. What was that promise? Let's keep going.

Heb 11:10 He looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

The city is New Jerusalem. That is the inheritance according to Isaiah 54, the end of that chapter. Your inheritance is the holy city, which is the mother of us all, which is the Holy Spirit of God, which is personified in Christ... and he performed that spirit. He showed you that spirit.

Well, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were given a promise of Messiah. Remember, to Abraham was preached the gospel, that he would be a blessing to all nations, he and his seed. The seed is Christ. They all dwelt in a land of promise. They were looking for Messiah, hoping for the Messiah. He looked for a city which has foundations.

Isa 28:16. I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone.

It's Jesus. But this city also has the foundation of the apostles. They have founded the wall of our salvation, which goes around the city. So Abraham was looking for a Messiah dwelling in a land in his mind, a land of promise.

Heb 11:11 Through faith, Sarah herself received the ability to conceive seed. She was delivered of a child.

I think of Mary, see, she received the ability as God gave that promise to her through Gabriel.

Heb 11:11 Through faith, Sarah received ability to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Heb 11:15 If they had been mindful of that country from where they came out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better country. What? A heavenly. Wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

The land of promise was in their mind. It was the promise of the coming Messiah. It was given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and everybody after them, that through their lineage, there was going to come a Messiah who would save his people from their sin. What does this have to do, then, with what we're reading in Ezekiel? Because in Ezekiel 37, we have a prophecy, the valley of dry bones. First of all, the bones... see, the skeleton is not held together. What's the skeleton?

The skeleton is the essence, the basis of who you are. What we just read in Hebrews 11 is the skeleton of Jacob. This is what he was there to do. When you come to Ezekiel 37, all of the bones are scattered. They don't know anymore. They've lost sight of who they are and what they're to do. The promise was given them of Messiah, the sanctuary, the tabernacle. They lost sight of all of it. So what does God say to do? Well, prophecy to them. Prophecy to Jacob.

Eze 37:4 ... Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah.

Eze 37:5 Thus saith Lord Jehovah unto these bones, I'm going to cause breath to enter into you, and you're going to live.

You know what you're reading here is Revelation 11. This is when Zion goes to Jacob, and you have to prophesy the bones. You have to help them understand who they are and what they were called to do, what they were called to be. The truth of the matter is in Revelation chapter 10, where Jesus has the little book in his hand, and you're to eat that book and go prophesy to the Jew... That book contained lamentation, mourning, and woe, but you are to prophesy that their bones can come back together, those who believe it, those who understand and believe what Zion is saying to them when the Lord comes out of Zion unto Jacob. Their bones will come together, and they will realize, as a Jew, this is what God intended. But notice as you read this.

Eze 37:6 I will lay sinews upon them. (They will hold the bones together.) I will bring flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you'll live, and you'll know I am Jehovah.

Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to bone. (They begin to understand who they are.)

Eze 37:8 And when I beheld, the sinew and the flesh came up upon them, the skin covered them above, but there wasn't any breath. (That word breath is spirit.)

Eze 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy to the wind, the spirit. Prophecy, son of man.

Who is the son of man? Well, Daniel 7:13, *I saw one like the son of man coming with the clouds of heaven, and he received the kingdom.*

Eze 37:9 ... Prophecy and say to the spirit, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; Come out of the four winds, O spirit, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Who are the four winds? Zechariah 2:6-7, it's Zion. Zion is told, *"You've been scattered like the four winds. Come out of it."* This is Zion. This is the church. This is the general assembly, church of the firstborn, carrying the Holy Spirit of God to Jacob. Once they see who they are, what they are to do, their bones come together. You now give them the Spirit. Verse 10.

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the Spirit came into them, and they lived, and they stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Hold your place and look at Revelation 11.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and a half, the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from the heavens saying, Ascend up here. And they ascended up into the heavens in a cloud. (There's more than one.) And their enemies watched them do it.

Ezekiel 37:10 again:

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the spirit came into them, and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

He defines that in Revelation 11 as seven thousand who have not bowed the knee. It's a spiritual number.

Eze 37:11 Then he said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel ...

That "Israel" right there is spiritual- spiritual Israel. The literal whole house of Israel won't receive the truth. Those who do become spiritual Israel, this then is the whole house. Like Paul said, *all Israel shall be saved*. Israel is defined in Romans 2 as having your heart circumcised. "*Who's a Jew, but he that is circumcised of heart and spirit?*" Romans 2:29.

So right here, you see the whole house of Israel standing up as a great army. Again, Ezekiel 37:11.

Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house (this is it). Behold, they say, Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, we're cut off for our parts.

Eze 37:12 So prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and I will cause you to come up out of your graves...

This is not literal. This is equivalent to what Jesus said in John 5:25: *"The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and they'll come alive."*

Eze 37:12 ... I'll open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves. I'm going to bring you into the land of spiritual Israel. (The land of spiritual Israel is New Jerusalem. This is the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.)

Eze 37:14 And shall put my Spirit, Holy Spirit, in you, and you'll live. And I will place you in your own land. Then shall you know that I am Jehovah. I, Jehovah, have spoken it and performed it.

This is a wonderful, tremendous prophecy of the healing of those in Jacob who can receive Messiah. First, you prophesy that bone can come together with bone. Their skeleton can come back. You know, I read this, and I wonder, you know, what's your skeleton? What's my skeleton? I think of Jesus, the skeleton of who he was. He was born to be Messiah, and on that cross, not a bone was broken. They never took that away. They never discouraged that. Not a bone was broken.

Here, the Jews, their bones are scattered all through these dry bones, and someone needs to come and remind them who they are, just like we need to help each other. We need to know who we are in Jesus Christ.

The next part of this prophecy in Ezekiel 37 is the two sticks coming together, and the two sticks are Judah and Joseph. Judah is Zion, the general assembly, church of the firstborn, Psalm 78:68... Judah is Zion. But Joseph was the father of Ephraim, and he says all the house of Israel in verse 16, they're going to come together. The two sticks will come together and become one. This is when the Jew and Gentile come together and become one church, one body, and this is the prophecy of that. So I'm going to skip down to verse 20.

Eze 37:20 The sticks whereon your writing shall be in your hand before their eyes.

Eze 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith Lord Jehovah; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen...

Now the children of Israel are all those who believe; just say that's spiritual Israel. It's you. It's me. All of us, even Jacob. We were all dwelling among the heathen. We didn't have the understanding of God, that he is love and doesn't demand a sacrifice. He says,

Eze 37:21 ... I'm going to gather them on every side and bring them into their own land. (That's everybody, Jew and Gentile.)

Eze 37:22 I'm going to make them one nation in the land upon the doctrines, the mountains of Israel. One king shall be king to them all, Jesus, and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore.

You're not going to have Jew and Gentile in the church of God. Zion, the general assembly, church of the firstborn... they are going to become a part of that. You'll be one nation.

Eze 37:23 Neither shall they defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions. I'm going to save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they've sinned. I'll cleanse them. So shall they be my people, and I'll be their God.

Which he says in verse 27 when his tabernacle is there. The sanctuary is in the midst of you. The tabernacle is with you. He is your God. We are his people. We dwell in the land that he promised Jacob, heavenly Jerusalem. We will all be one nation.

This is the message you give to these people. This is the message that all of us need to get in our hearts. Christ is our prince. I guess, if I'm going to say he is my prince (which he actually says in Ezekiel 37:25, *David will be their prince forever*), he is the Son.

If he is the prince, the Father is the king. The Father is the King of kings. Jesus is going to show us that, and we are going to live together as one body, one God, the Father, one Lord, Jesus Christ, one faith, the faith of Jesus Christ, and we will glorify God together (Eph 4:4-6).

Father, we worship you. We pray that these studies be a blessing and be anointed, that we might share these things and help other people in your truth. We thank you and praise you in Jesus' name. Amen.