



Roadblocks to Vision

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What are the key points of this prophecy?

This prophecy contains three promises:

- © All Israel (not just the kingdom of Judah) will be reunited and brought home.
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- © God himself will dwell with them.

If you were one of them, what would those promises have meant to you?

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How did Jesus' words in this passage relate to the promise of Ezekiel 37?

Early in Jesus' ministry, some Jewish people began to see him as the shepherd promised in Ezekiel 37, but there were problems. The king was supposed to be a forever king, and Jesus refused to speak militarily. Furthermore, he kept talking about his own death. To top it off, he told the Jews that he had "other sheep" he intended to bring in too. In fact, none of this made sense to anyone until after his death and resurrection. Paul explains it to us in Ephesians 2:11-22.

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What stands out to you from this passage?

According to this, it was always God's plan to take lost and hopeless people, give them life, bring them together in unity and dwell among them!

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