

Sounds Week 11: The LORD Is There

Bible Study Discussion Guide

Summary

In Ezekiel's final chapters, God reveals the fullness of His redemptive plan. After judgment came the promise of restoration—a shepherd for His people, a new heart and Spirit, resurrection life, unity under one King, victory over every enemy, and the return of God's glory. Each vision moves from earthly symbol to heavenly reality, all pointing to Christ and His Church. Ezekiel shows us that God's Kingdom is not limited by geography or era but expands through His Spirit, transforming hearts and filling the earth with His glory. Ultimately, the prophecy ends where the gospel begins: **"The Lord is there."**

1. **How does Ezekiel's vision of the "promised land" expand our understanding of God's Kingdom?**

Answer: Ezekiel 36:24–28 and Hebrews 11:8–10 show that the "land" is not just physical territory but a symbol of restored relationship with God. Abraham looked for a heavenly country, and Christ, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:15), fulfills that eternal inheritance.

Application:

Where do you find yourself limiting God's Kingdom to earthly or personal expectations—success, comfort, or control? How can you expand your view to align with His eternal purpose?

2. **What does it mean to receive a "new heart and Spirit," and how does this happen?**

Answer:

Ezekiel 36:26–27 and John 3:5 reveal that God replaces hearts of stone with hearts of flesh through the new birth by water and Spirit. Romans 6:3–5 describes baptism as the burial of the old self and resurrection into new life.

Application:

Consider how the Spirit has changed your thinking, desires, or relationships. In what area of your life do you still resist His transforming work?

3. **How does the vision of dry bones illustrate spiritual resurrection today?**

Answer:

Ezekiel 37:3–14 and Romans 8:11 reveal that God's Spirit breathes life into what is dead. Israel's hopeless exile foreshadowed the Spirit's power to raise spiritually dead people into new life. At Pentecost (Acts 2:38–39), that promise became reality.

Application:

What "dry bones" exist in your life—hopeless situations, relationships, or spiritual dryness? How can you invite God's breath to bring life where there's been despair?

4. **What does God's uniting of the two sticks teach us about unity in Christ?**

Answer:

Ezekiel 37:22–27, John 17:21–23, and Ephesians 2:14–16 show that Christ, the greater David, unites divided peoples into one flock under one Shepherd. His cross breaks barriers and creates peace.

Application:

What divisions in your family, friendships, or church might God be calling you to help reconcile? How can you reflect the unity Jesus prayed for in John 17?

5. **What do Gog and Magog represent, and how does Ezekiel's final vision point to ultimate victory and presence?**

Answer:

Ezekiel 38–39 and Revelation 20:7–9 show Gog and Magog as symbols of every world power that opposes God. Yet at the cross (Acts 4:27–28), the Lord turned rebellion into redemption. The final vision (Ezekiel 43:4–5; 48:35) reveals God’s glory returning—fulfilled in Christ, the true temple (John 1:14).

Application:

When opposition or evil feels overwhelming, how can you rest in Christ’s victory and live confidently knowing “The Lord is there”?

Prayer Prompts

- **Thanksgiving:** Praise God for His grand redemption plan—from judgment to grace, from exile to indwelling presence.
- **Transformation:** Ask the Spirit to soften any “stone-hearted” places within you and fill them with His life and power.
- **Mission:** Pray for unity in the Church and courage to live as witnesses of God’s expanding Kingdom until His glory fills the earth.