THE GLORY OF GOD IS RISEN (AND NOW RISING IN YOU)

05-18-08 (Many of these messages are accompanied by <u>an illuminating diagram</u> that may be found at the end of the text notes on our website: www.tabernacleofmoses.org)

(Ezek 37:1,2) The hand [power] of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of **the valley which was full of bones**, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were **very many** in the open valley; and, lo, they were **very dry**.

(Ezek 37:3-6) And he said unto me, Son of man, **can these bones live?** And I answered, O Lord GOD, <u>thou knowest</u>. Again he said unto me, **Prophesy** [speak by inspiration] upon these bones, and say unto them, **O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD**. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause **breath** to enter into you, <u>and ye shall live</u>: And I will lay **sinews** [tendons] upon you, and will bring up **flesh** upon you, <u>and cover you with skin</u> [hide, leather], and put breath in you, <u>and ye shall live</u>; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

1. live = Heb: to live; to revive:--keep (leave, make) alive, X certainly, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), <u>quicken</u>, <u>recover</u>, <u>repair</u>, <u>restore</u> (to life), <u>revive</u>, (X God) <u>save</u> (alive, life, lives), X surely, <u>be whole</u>.

(Ezek 37:7,8) **So I prophesied as I was commanded**: and as I prophesied, there was <u>a noise</u>, and behold <u>a shaking</u>, and the bones came together [joined], **bone to his bone**. And when I beheld, lo, **the sinews** and **the flesh** came up upon them, and **the skin** <u>covered them above</u>: but there was **no breath** in them.

(Ezek 37:9) Then said he unto me, **Prophesy unto the wind**, prophesy, son of man, <u>and say to the wind</u>, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, <u>and breathe upon these slain, that they may live</u>.

(Ezek 37:10) So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great [noble] army [ref. Joel 2:1-11 for a graphic description of this army].

- 1. (Gen 2:7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man became a living soul [i.e. natural].
- 2. (1 Cor 15:46,47) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and <u>afterward</u> that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.
- 3. (1 Th 4:16,17) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(Ezek 37:11-14) Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, 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.

BODY PARTS

We will begin our exposition of the tabernacle of Moses by an examination of the words "**side**" and "**sides**" as employed by Moses to describe the tabernacle. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible will be used extensively for word definitions. It will usually be comprehensive that we may glean from the corners. There are twenty-four Hebrew words for "**side**" such as #6654, 3027, 6763, 6285, 3802, 5676, 3409, 8193, 7023, 6924, 3541, 5439, 2348, 7097, 5675, 4975, 2296, 5437, 7307, 3225, 8040, 6911, 6921, and #5048. As can be plainly surmised, each word has a different connotation.

SIDE #6763: RIB

Side, sides = Strong's #6763 from 6760; **a rib** (**as curved**), **lit.** (**of the body**) or fig. (of a door, i.e. leaf); hence a side, lit. (of a person) or fig. of an object or the sky, i.e. quarter); arch. a (espec. floor or ceiling) timber or plank (single or collect., i.e. a flooring):--board, chamber, corner, leaf, plank, rib, side (chamber).

TABERNACLE WITH SIDES #6763

Tabernacle means "tent" in Hebrew. Exodus 26 tells us about the south and north sides #6763 of this tent which sits within the open court of the tabernacle compound. These sides are ribs.

- 1. (Ex 26:26,27a) And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one SIDE of the tabernacle, And five bars for the boards of the other SIDE of the tabernacle....
- 2. So we have ribs on two sides of this tent structure. Interestingly, the part of this tent toward the east is never mentioned as a "side" for it is not. Neither are the parts of the ark of covenant and brasen altar of sacrifice toward the east and west spoken of as "sides." Although, these shapes are all rectangular. Could Somebody be telling us something?

THE TWO SIDES WESTWARD

However, in Exodus 26:27 where we last left off, part b of that verse says: "...and five bars for the boards of the SIDE [#6763] of the tabernacle, for the two SIDES [#3411] westward. (Ex 26:27b). What is this? Just when we are starting to get a handle on this rib thing we find an anomaly in the pattern. How can the same side westward be two different kinds of sides, both #6763 and #3411? Further and even more perplexing, how can the side westward be the "two sides westward?" Is that possible? A misprint? No. This same exact reference to the "two sides westward" is found in Ex 26:22,23,27 and Ex 36:27,28,32. The reference usage of #3411 also appears in a couple of other interesting places in the Bible.

SIDES #3411: THIGHS

Sides = Strong's #3411 of fem. of 3409; prop. the flank; but used only fig., the rear or recess:--border, coast, part, quarter, side. //// Strong's #3409 from an unused root mean. to be soft; **the thigh** (from its fleshy softness); by euphem. **the generative parts**; fig. a shank, flank, side:--x body, loins, shaft, side, thigh.

How many thighs do you have? I have two, and they are both attached to my body. The first side in Ex 26:27b is #6763 meaning in context "of the body" and "of a person" which translates into "body." Whereas the two sides westward are the two thighs of that body, including we might add, the "generative parts." Well Praise God! Thank You Lord. We now perceive from our eagle's vantage a BODY consisting of RIBS and TWO THIGHS. Is there more? Yes.

SIDE #3802: SHOULDER

Side = Strong's #3802 from an unused root mean. to clothe; **the shoulder** (proper, i.e. upper end of the arm; as being the spot where the garments hang); fig. side-piece or lateral projection of anything:--arm, corner, shoulder (piece), side, undersetter.

The court of the tabernacle on the east is 50 cubits wide and contains the only entry opening into the entire structure from the outside world, from Egypt. This opening is <u>a linen gate</u> of many colors "hanging" between..., well, let us see how Exodus 27 describes it:

1. (Ex 27:14,15) The hangings on the one SIDE [#3802] of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And on the other SIDE [#3802] shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

The gate was 20 cubits wide in the center between one fifteen cubit shoulder to the right, and one fifteen cubit shoulder to the left. Hallelujah!! Our BODY now has RIBS, TWO THIGHS, and SHOULDERS. And as presented in the first chapter of my book online at www.tabernacleofmoses.org entitled <u>WARNING</u>: <u>Hazardous To Your Natural Man</u>, our tabernacle body also has FEET represented by the Levitical Priesthood, and HANDS represented by the Aaronic Priesthood, <u>plus a few more body parts</u>. But, where is the head of the body?? Well, if we follow the phrase "the glory of God" which occurs 17 times in the Bible, we learn that **Jesus Christ is "the Glory of God."**

(Ezek 43:1-4) Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.