

Enfleshment of the Body

Commentary for August 1, 2020 — The Process in Ezekiel 37:1–14

In this month's article "Israel and Judah: 38. Hezekiah's Reign Ends,"¹ I wrote in footnote "i" that the word "enfleshment" does exist and is in dictionaries. "Enfleshment" is the noun form of the verb "enflesh" which Webster's Dictionary defines **"to clothe with or as if with flesh."**

Your body is flesh. The fetus that became your body was "enfleshed" separately from your mother while in the womb. You did not become a "living soul" until you took your first breath, just like Adam. At present, many cells of your body are renewing and replenishing. They will continue to do so as long as you live. You remain "enfleshed" until you die, then your body will return to dust or soil.

Jesus was a spiritual being who became physical flesh (John 1:14, 6:51; Romans 1:3, 8:3, 9:5; Philippians 2:7–8; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 10:5; 1 John 4:2–3; 2 John 1:7). You and I, on the other hand, did not exist until we were born. After we die, we shall not exist, until God makes us alive again. This is the re-enfleshment described in Ezekiel 37:1–14.

Christ is the only human that has been made alive and resurrected to glory.² So below is the vision of **Ezekiel 37:1–14** showing what will take place in the future judgment of God. The people of Israel are the focus of this text. I am quoting from the *Concordant Literal Version* of the Old Testament. (See "[Chapter 6: Our Sins Are Imputed to Christ](#)" from Dr. Martin's book *Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*, free online or for purchase in print.)

¹ The hand of Yahweh came on me. He brought me forth by the spirit of Yahweh and stopped me in the midst of a valley. It was full of bones. ² He made me pass through them all around, and behold, there were exceedingly many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

³ He said to me: **"Son of humanity, shall these bones live?"** And I answered, **"My Lord Yahweh, You know."**

⁴ Then He said to me: **"Prophecy over these bones, and you will say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of Yahweh.'** ⁵ **Thus says my Lord Yahweh to these bones':**

Behold, I will bring spirit into you, and [then] you will live. ⁶ **I will bestow sinews**

¹ First read the "[August 2020 Newsletter](#)." It introduces the article and gives other useful information.

² For example, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, but Lazarus was not glorified. He lived after he was made alive by Jesus just as he did before his death. In fact, the Jews sought to kill Lazarus just as they sought to kill Jesus (John 12:9–11), because Lazarus was an example of Jesus being the Christ, with power over death.

on you and bring up flesh upon you and encase you with skin. I will bestow spirit in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."

⁷ So I prophesied just as I was instructed, and as I prophesied **[1]** there was a sound, and behold, **[2]** a quaking! And **[3]** the bones drew near, each bone to its next bone. ⁸ As I watched, behold, **[4]** sinews appeared on them, and **[5]** flesh came up, and **[6]** skin encased them overall; yet there was no spirit in them.³

⁹ Then He said to me:

"Prophesy to the spirit; prophesy, son of humanity, and you will say to the spirit, 'Thus says my Lord Yahweh: Come from the four winds, O spirit, and blow into these who were killed, so that they may live.'"

¹⁰ When I prophesied as He had instructed me, the spirit came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a most exceedingly great assembly.

¹¹ Then He said to me:

"Son of humanity, these bones are the whole house of Israel, who hitherto have been saying, Our bones are dry, and our expectation has perished. We have gotten ourselves severed.

¹² Therefore, prophesy, and you will say to them,

'Thus says my Lord Yahweh: Behold, I will open your tombs, and I will bring you up from your tombs, My people, and bring you to the ground of Israel.

¹³ Then you will know that I am Yahweh when I open your tombs and when I bring you up from your tombs, My people.

¹⁴ I will bestow My spirit in you, and you will live, and I will settle you on your own ground. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken, and I will do it, averring is Yahweh.'"

Ezekiel's vision describes the physical enfleshment of the people of Israel. It also will be the same experience for 99+% of all humanity. The glorification of believers (eventually 100% of humanity) is described in 1 Corinthians 15:12–58 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.

We should all be comforted and be able to comfort each other, even everyone we know, because for now death is a temporary separation for both the living and the dead — and the dead know nothing (Ecclesiastes 9:5). The last enemy of us all is death (1 Corinthians 15:26). See "[Chapter 16: Resurrections from the Dead](#)," also from Dr. Martin's *Essentials*.

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³ This graphic description in vision of the reconstruction of the bodies of the dead is perhaps similar to God's first construction of Adam in Genesis 2:7. First God formed the body, then He blew His spirit into the nostrils. Only then did the man live. The spirit was no more independently "alive" any more than the body was "alive" before the spirit of man was put into it. I think it is likely this will be the process of all the nations (the Gentiles) at the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11–12).