

BIBLE STUDY

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Follow those Bones

Genesis 15 ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Genesis 33 ¹⁸And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. ¹⁹And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. ²⁰There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel (God, the God of Israel).

Genesis 50 ²²So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. ²³And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. ²⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."²⁶ So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus 13 ¹⁷When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." ¹⁸But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. ¹⁹Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here."

Joshua 24 ³¹Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel. ³²As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.

John 4:1-6 ³...Jesus left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to/dei/it was necessary to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar (near the ancient city of Shechem), near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Gideon's Story

NARRATOR: Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of YAHWEH appeared to him and spoke to him.

ANGEL OF YAHWEH: YAHWEH is with you, O mighty man of valor.

GIDEON: Please, sir,^[a] if YAHWEH is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now YAHWEH has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.

NARRATOR: And YAHWEH turned to him and spoke.

YAHWEH: Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?

GIDEON: Please, Lord/Master, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

YAHWEH: But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.

GIDEON: If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. ¹⁸ Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

NARRATOR: So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes... and brought them to him... Then the angel of Yahweh reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the YAHWEH vanished from his sight. ²² Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the YAHWEH.

GIDEON: Alas, YAHWEH ELOHIM! For now I have seen the angel of YAHWEH face to face.

YAHWEH: Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.

NARRATOR: Then Gideon built an altar there to YAHWEH and called it, YAHWEH Is Peace.

NARRATOR: That night YAHWEH spoke to him.

YAHWEH: Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it and build an altar to YAHWEH your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.

NARRATOR: So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as YAHWEH had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. And they spoke to one another.

MEN OF THE TOWN: Who has done this thing? (And after they had searched and inquired) Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.

MEN OF THE TOWN (to Joash): Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.

JOASH: Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down.

NARRATOR: Therefore on that day Gideon^[d] was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar. Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. But the Spirit of YAHWEH clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

GIDEON (to God): If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.

NARRATOR: And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water.

GIDEON (to God): Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew.

NARRATOR: And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

CLOUDS AND YAHWEH

Psalm 18:11

[Of Yahweh the Psalmist says,] He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water.

Psalm 97:2

[Of Yahweh the Psalmist says,] Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Psalm 104:3

[Of Yahweh the Psalmist says,] He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind;

Isaiah 19:1

An oracle concerning Egypt. Behold, Yahweh is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt

Isaiah 30:30

And Yahweh will cause his majestic voice to be heard and the descending blow of his arm to be seen, in furious anger and a flame of

devouring fire, with a cloudburst and storm and hailstones.

Jeremiah 4:13

Behold, Yahweh comes up like clouds; his chariots like the whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles— woe to us, for we are ruined!

Nahum 1:3

Yahweh is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Ezekiel 1:4

[*The Glory of Yahweh is coming to Ezekiel*] As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal.

Son of Man in Luke

93 times Ezekiel is called “son of man”

Ezekiel 2:1

And Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

Ezekiel 2:3

And Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me.

Ezekiel 2:6

And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words

Ezekiel 2:8

“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

Ezekiel 3:1

And Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.”

Ezekiel 3:3

And Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.”

Ezekiel 3:4

And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.

Daniel 7:13

⁹ “As I (Daniel) looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
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...And behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroye

Luke 5

¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?" ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the man who was paralyzed — "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."

Luke 6

On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. ² But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" ³ And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" ⁵ And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Luke 9

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must/dei/it is necessary suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Luke 9

But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Luke 18:31

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

Luke 19

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must/deliver/it is necessary stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 21

²⁵ "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Daniel 7

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Acts 1

[At the Ascension]
⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority...
⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."