

does the living God proclaim, by sworn oath, by solemn pledge, upon the stake of his own integrity, that his people shall yet dwell in the land of their inheritance. To transcribe these promises would be almost to fill a book. They are there. So great is God's determination to restore them that he says he will do it with "his whole heart." He declares that they are written upon the palms of his hands, and that he cannot forget them. He assures them that he will bring them back, plant them in their own land, and never allow them any more to be plucked out of it forever. So interested is he in this stupendous event that he gives the prophet Ezekiel a vision of a valley full of dry bones. He assures the prophet that these bones shall live; dry and seemingly withered as they are, he assures him that they shall live. He bids him to prophecy upon these bones and assure them that the Lord God will cause breath to enter into them and that they shall live. God says he will lay sinews upon these bones and bring flesh upon them; he will cover them with skin and put breath in them, and they shall live.

The prophet does as he is commanded of the Lord, and, as he prophesies, hears a great noise, there is a great shaking, bones come together, bone to his bone. The Lord then commands the prophet to speak to the wind, bidding breath to come from the four winds and breathe upon the slain. The prophet again