

The Rest of the Verses

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Hebrews 10:32-39, Psalm 14, John 4:27-38, Revelation 1:9-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

Ezekiel 37:1-14

- "These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh;"
- This was a vision of things that would happen in the future; none of this happened in the days of Ezekiel.
- This line establishes that the song is about revival.
- God is constantly wanting to breathe new life into dry bones.
- By saying, "These are the days," we are saying that God is moving among us.
- This passage also contains a warning that it is something God must do and not something we can accomplish alone.

Hebrews 10:32-39

- "And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword."
- This is a reminder that times of revival, when God's Spirit moves, are not necessarily troublefree times.
- Sometimes God chooses to heal us and sometimes He does not.
- Having a Spiritual church is not a guarantee of having a growing church.
- Sometimes we face days of famine, darkness, and sword, but that is not necessarily a sign that we are doing things wrong.

Psalm 14

- "Out of Zion's hill salvation comes."
- Zion and Jerusalem basically mean the same thing, theologically speaking.
- Zion is also associated with the mountain on which Jerusalem was built.
- Zion is also associated with the New Jerusalem and heaven.
- The psalmist, in Psalm 14, identifies salvation coming from Zion.
- God's dwelling place on earth was associated with Jerusalem/Zion, and therefore, salvation was to come from God.
- "Out of Zion's hill" refers to the fact that salvation is found in Jesus because of his death and resurrection.

John 4:27-38

- "These are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world, and we are the laborers in the vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord."
- People are just waiting to become Christians; all we need to do is harvest them by preaching the Word of the Lord.
- People are crying out for the message of salvation, for a relationship with God.
- Churches are in decline mostly because they are not making a real attempt to reach people.
- The fields are ready to harvest, the question is: "Are we ready to do what it takes to reap the harvest?"

Conclusion

- "Behold He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call."
- The writer of this song uses this phrase as it is popularly understood to refer to the Second Coming.
- Shining like the sun, speaks of Christ's holiness and His approachability for sinners.
- The unapproachable is made approachable by what Jesus did.
- We can hurry the day of Jesus' return by seeing others won to Christ.
- We need to do as much as possible to get people to recognize Christ before His return.
- Jesus is coming again!