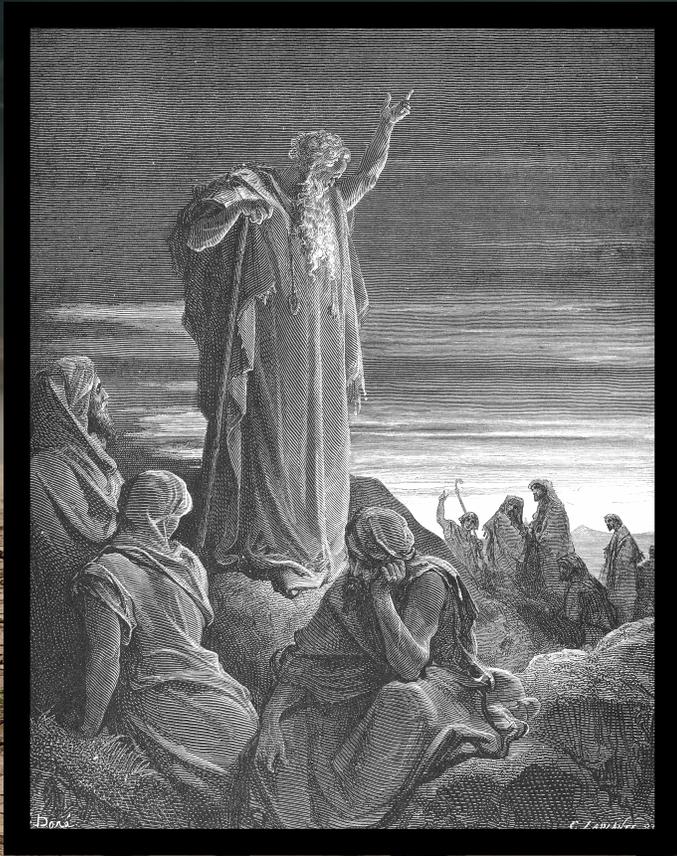


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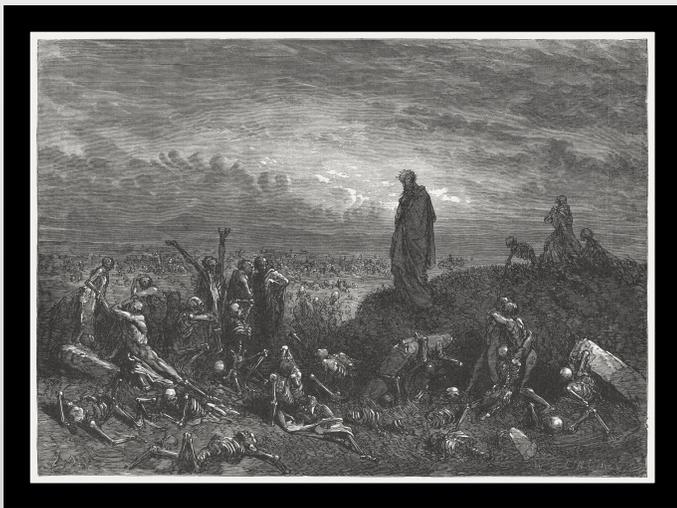
Write or draw about things you liked or learned from the story. What surprised you? What do you wonder about?

Blessings and Bruises; How were you with God today? How was God with you today? Questions? Wonderings? Write or draw here.



"God said to me, 'Son of man, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel.'"
[Ezekiel 3:1]

Eating the scroll is a metaphor for God giving Ezekiel a message to proclaim. What is something someone has told you that is "hard to swallow"?



GOD'S BOTTOM LINE PROMISE

"I will put my Spirit in you and you will live." [Ezekiel 37:14]

START WITH SHARING

- † Have you ever seen a skeleton? Where? Was it real or imitation? How did it make you feel?
- † What things raise your spirits on a gloomy day? Where do you go or what do you do when you're feeling lifeless?
- † How do you imagine our ancestors living in exile felt hearing this prophecy from God through Ezekiel?
- † What does it mean to be filled with God's Spirit?
- † Do you ever feel like a zombie, just going through the motions? What's the difference between being alive and truly living?

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“Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off!” [Ezekiel 37:11]

What in your day-to-day experience is drawing life from you?

Where do you observe people and forces sapping life and vitality from people?



“Come O Spirit, breathe into these slain that they may live!” [Ezekiel 37:9]

When have you felt most loved, purposeful, at peace, meaningful, alive, welcomed or fulfilled:

- *When you were a youth or child, perhaps with peers;*
- *Among those you call family;*
- *Within your congregation;*
- *In the midst of your camp, community, neighborhood, school or work;*
- *Outside your own familiar ethnic, cultural, economic, or geographic surroundings;*
- *Or while in a natural environment?*

Take 5-7 minutes and note some of your responses here.

You are a precious child of God! And we love you very much!