



A Mighty Army

Ezekiel 37.1-14

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V2028 Focus Areas for 2025:

Prayer

Outreach

Community

Leadership
Revitalisation

Disciple-
making

Phase 4 ?

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- Judah exiled to Babylon in 597 BC
- Ezekiel: part of the remnant exiled to Babylon
- Eze 33-38: Oracles of consolation for nation of Israel
- Eze 37: prophet brought to a valley

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Consider...

- Are we also feel like this sometimes?
- Are you feeling like this now? Try something?
- Is this the final condition?

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- *They will know that I am the LORD (vv.6 & 14. 65 times in Ezekiel)*
- *The Sovereign LORD (vv.3, 5, 9, 12)*

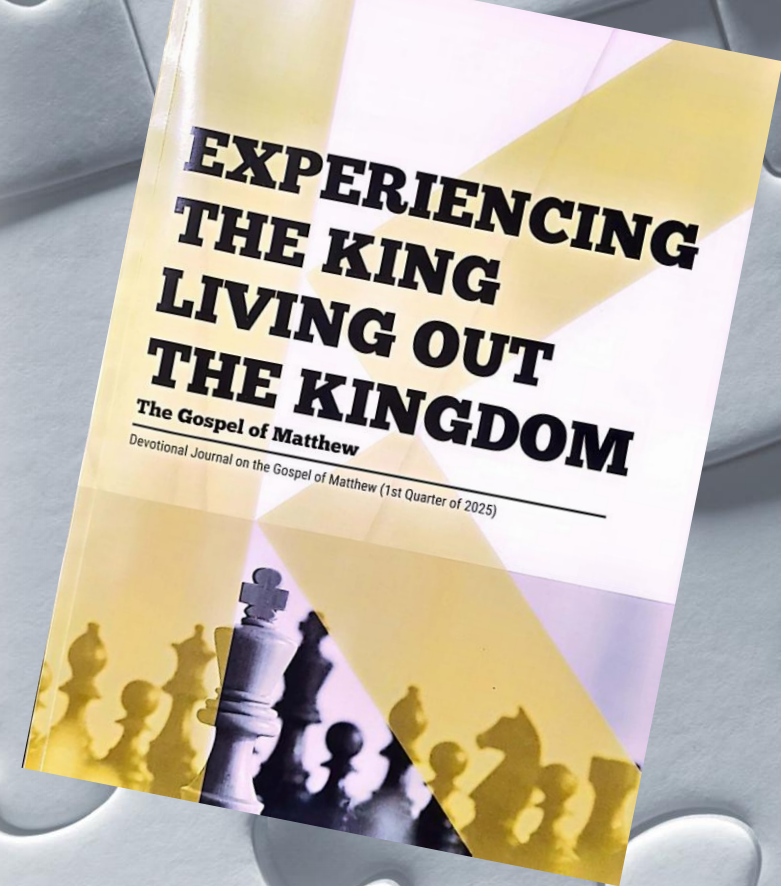
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Eze 37.26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.”

Cf. Rev 21.3 ?

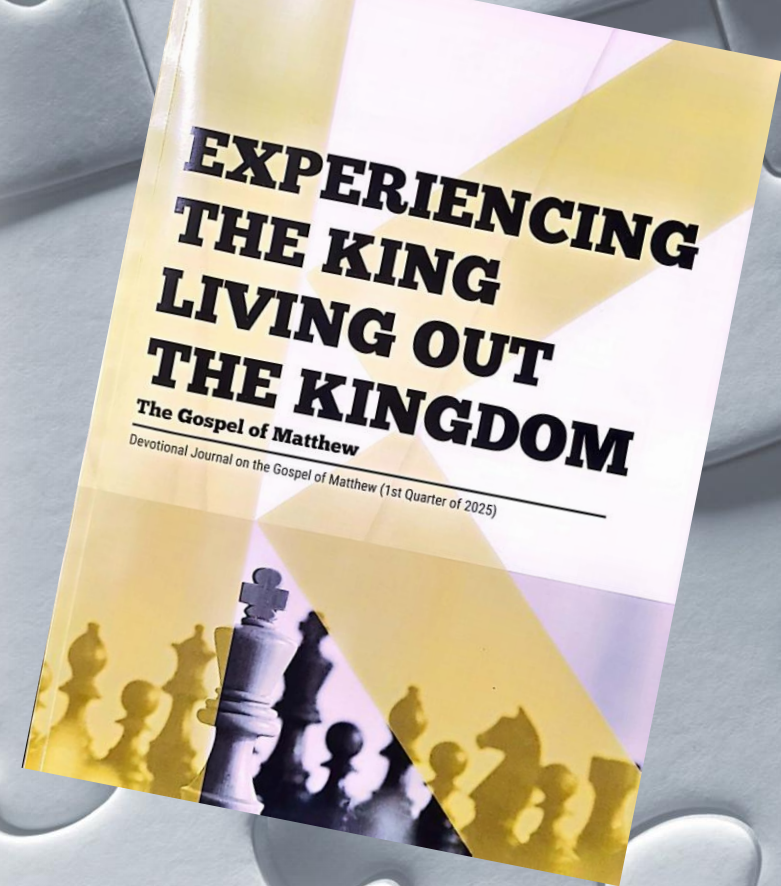
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- Army with a mission – focus and discipline
- Called to active duty together!

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Conclusion & Response

- Formed by the word, filled by the Spirit, focused on the mission?
- Let us arise!
- As a mighty army of the King!



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