

A landscape of dry, cracked earth with scattered human skeletons in the foreground and mountains in the background. The scene is desolate and represents a state of death and desolation.

“Can dry bones live?”

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel 22

4 You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and have defiled yourself with the idols which you have made ...

7 In you (Jerusalem) they have treated father and mother with contempt; in you they have oppressed the foreigner and mistreated the fatherless and the widow.



Ezekiel 22

8 You have despised My holy things and profaned My Sabbaths ... **11** One commits abomination with his neighbor's wife;



Ezekiel 22

12 In you are people who accept bribes to shed blood; you take interest and make a profit from the poor.

You extort unjust gain from your neighbors. And you have forgotten Me, declares the Sovereign Lord...

15 I will scatter you among the nations, disperse you throughout the countries, and remove your filthiness completely from you.





Ezekiel 37

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.



Genesis 1:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

And the Spirit (“wind”) of God was hovering over the face of the waters.



Ezekiel 37

9 Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ”

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

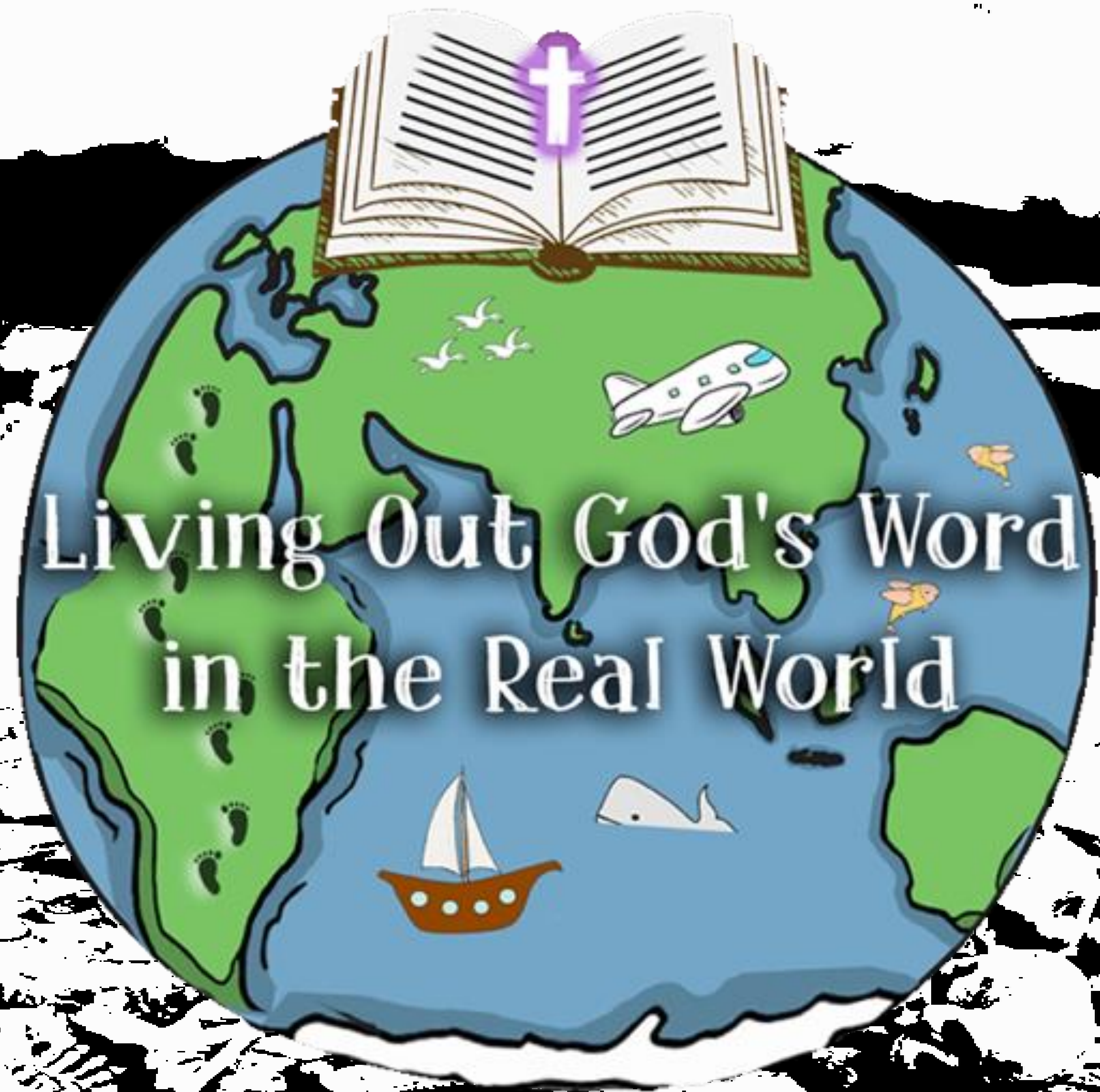


Ezekiel 37

13 'Then you, My people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

14 I will put My Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'

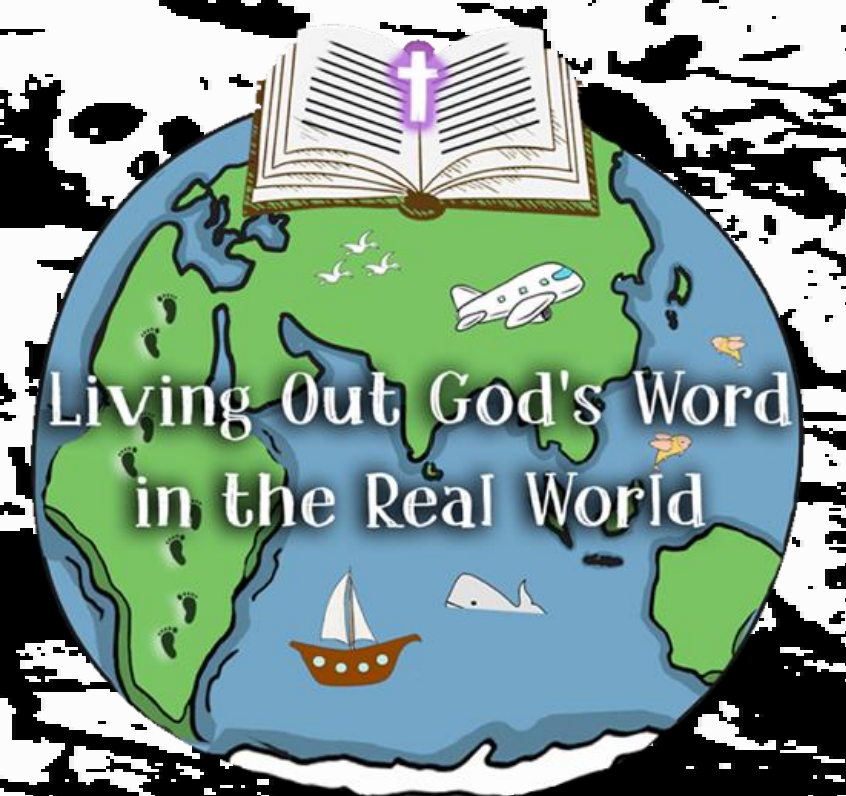




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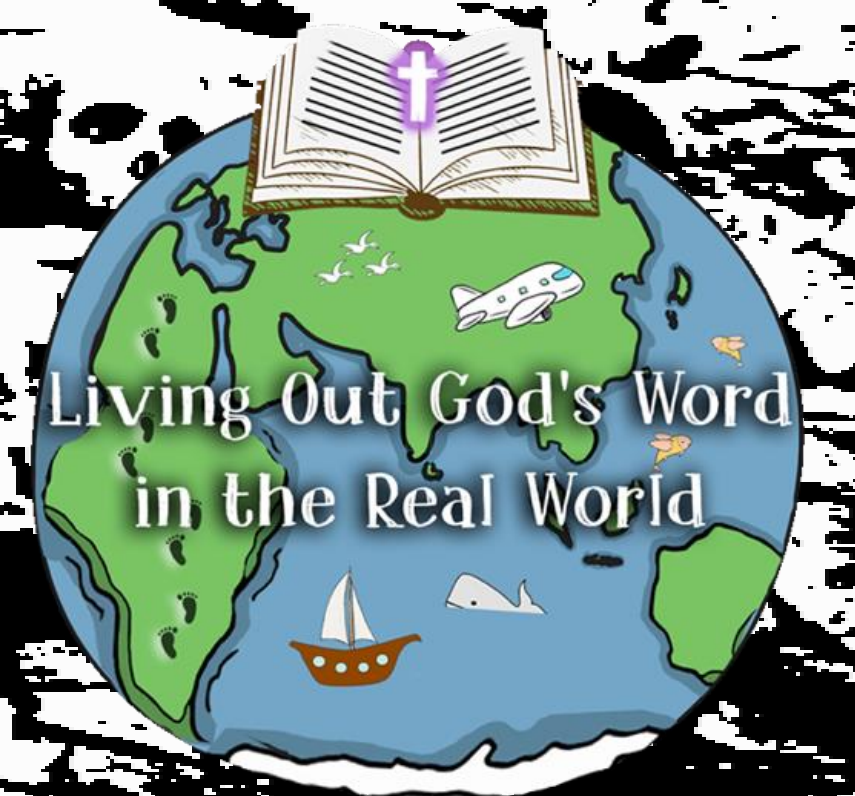
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11 Then He said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’”



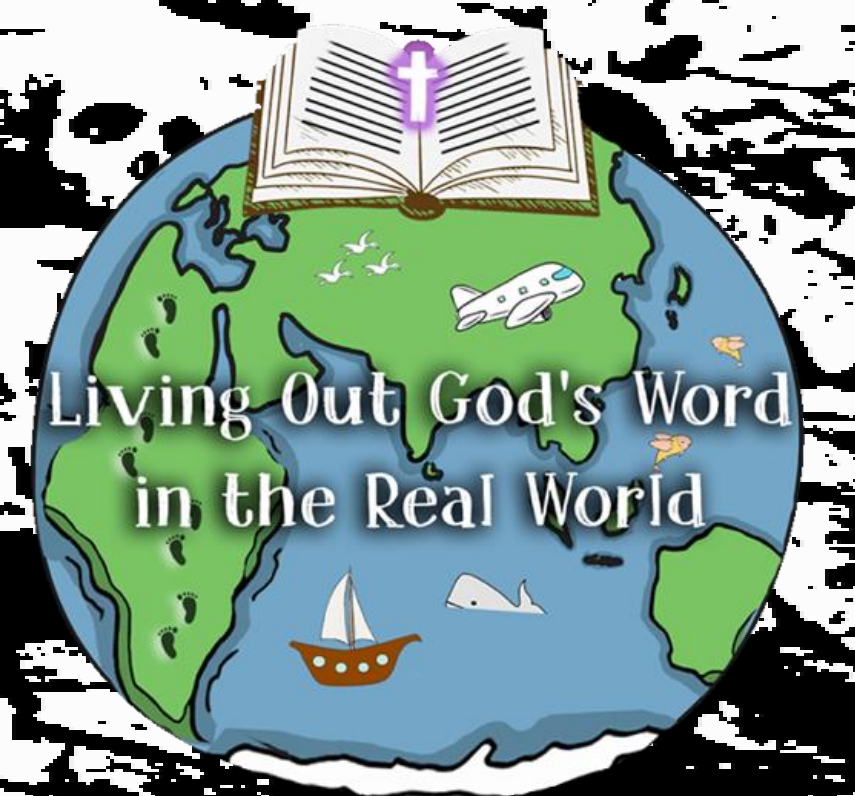
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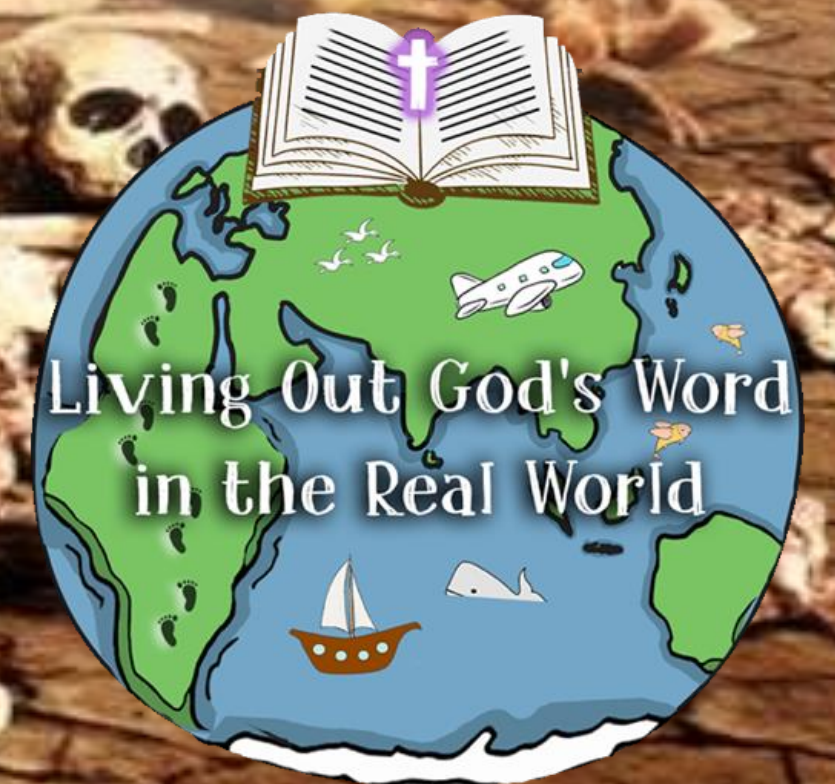
31 So they come to you (i.e. Ezekiel) as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.

32 Indeed you (God's prophet) are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.



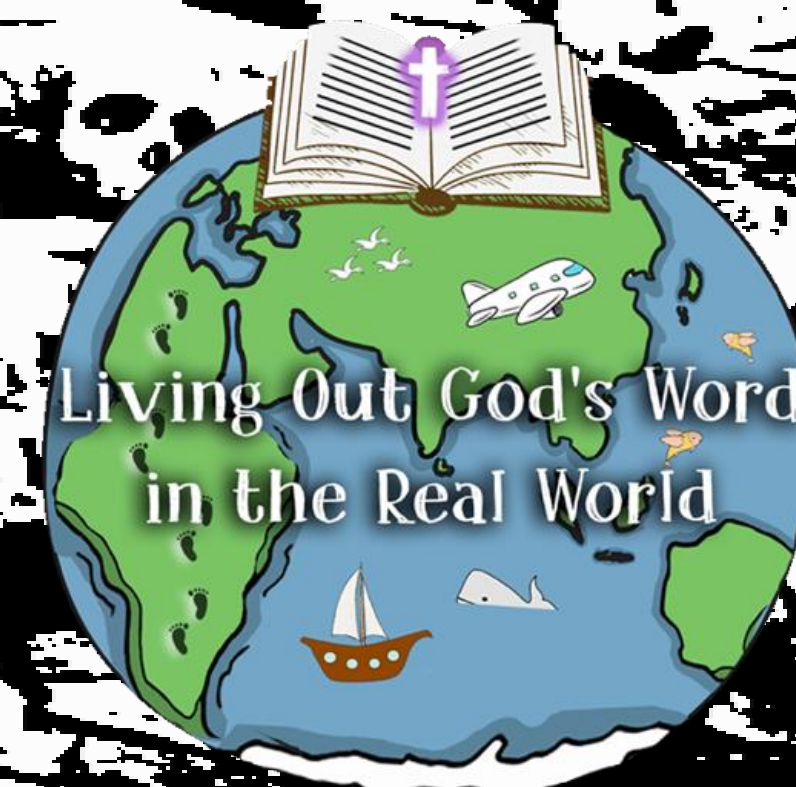
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8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.



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Galatians 5:22-23

“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

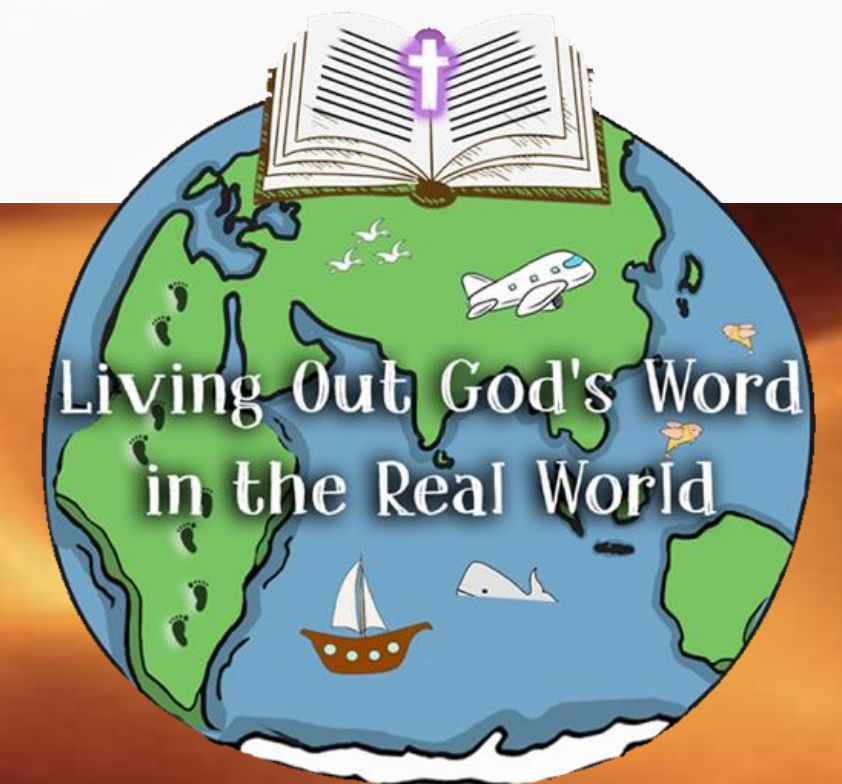
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