

## EZEKIEL I

In Ezekiel I, Yahweh shows <sup>us</sup> Israel a vision, thru Ezekiel, and this vision is a picture describing Yahweh's organization. His working organization, and how it will work so beautifully, and justly in the operation of His Kingdom. It is a complicated, and intricate system, as will be explained in this chapter.

From the beginning, it was Yahweh's purpose that man, that is, obedient man should live on a paradise earth, where there will be blessings forevermore. Man has gone thru some 6,000 years trying his forms of governing himself, and all has failed. Now is the time for the righteous hearted people of the earth to realize that the only way mankind will have true peace, justice, and be able to live in harmony, is to be living under a system that is guided by Yahweh. To accept His appointed rulers, to seek to do what is right, instead of following the world.

The prophecya in Ezekiel I is very confusing, the ancient Hebrews considered it so confusing that they were forbidden to read it until they were about 30 years of age. Organized religion doesn't have the answer to the explanation of this chapter, because Yahweh is not, and never has been dealing with them, they are part of the world, part of satan's organization, one of the elements satan uses to confuse the masses of humanity. The only thing religion could do with it was make a song about it. Some look at it from a scientific point of view, and claim that this vision actually is the ~~first~~ recording of a sighting of a spaceship from outer space. (Science fiction)

But, the true understanding, as with all the prophecies, is only revealed by Yahweh, to his prophets, the faithful men chosen by Yahweh to be the leaders of his ruling organization on the earth.

Now, this chapter cannot be read from just one translation. It was also confusing to the translators, so there are many mistakes. I will read primarily from the Authorized Version and wherever it is not satisfactory I will go on to other translations.

1. Now, it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Che-bar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

Ezekiel was one of the captives. - By the river Che-bar when he saw this vision. Chebar means "extent of time" or "a great while." What Ezekiel did see was certainly far into the future

It would be a great while before it would be fulfilled and a great while before it would be understood by Israel, whom Ezekiel pictured at this time.

2. In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

Now, what captivity is this referring to? It's <sup>known</sup> clear that Jerusalem went into captivity under the king of Babylon, king Nebuchadnezzar, but it wasn't Jehoiachin's reign at that time, he was not king when Nebuchadnezzar overthrew Jerusalem, Zedekiah was king at that time. (Jehoiachin preceded Zedekiah - change by four kings.) ~~So, lets say that there were four previous~~ kings that were in trouble with world powers and were practically in a vassal state to these powers, they paid tribute, Jerusalem was not free at all. These four kings were: (Ref. II Chron.)

- a. Josiah - fought against Egypt, he was wounded and died 526 B.C.
- b. Jehoahaz - he was carried off to Egypt because he wouldn't go along with Egyptian policy, the Egyptian king was angry with him and came there and carried him off to Egypt.
- c. Jehoiakim - was bound and carried off ~~the~~ to Babylon. This should have been the death of Jerusalem, but they managed to survive. They weren't plundered and destroyed at this time. But, this is how the outside nations actually treated them, they came in and carried their kings off. So, he <sup>was</sup> carried off to Babylon.
- d. Jehoiachin - he too was carried off to Babylon.

Now, this Jehoiachin is the one that Ezekiel is speaking about, it says, "in the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity." Then later on, this was 11 years later, Zedekiah was king in Jerusalem and Jerusalem was completely desolated and everything, including the temple was destroyed and the vessels were carried away and so forth (II Chron. 36:11-22) So, the captivity of Jehoiachin preceded the ~~70 years~~ desolation of ~~Babylon~~ <sup>Jerusalem</sup> by some eleven years.

3. The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.

The Chaldeans were the Babylonians. Now this is what he saw:

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4. And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

"And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north," The whirlwind indicates Yahweh's presence. This is spoken of in Job 38:1, Nahum 1:3, and Job. 40:6 states: "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind." Vs. 4 also states that the whirlwind came out of the north, or from the direction of authority. Yahweh sits in the sides of the north. In Isaiah 14:12-14 the devil states his claim that he wants to take Yahweh's position "in the sides of the north"

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most high."

The clouds and the fire and the brightness all indicate that this is a heavenly scene, from Yahweh, omens indicating Yahweh's presence.

Now, for the rest of the explanation of this verse I will read if from the Jewish Bible - Vs. 4 "And I looked and behold a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud with fire flashing up so that a brightness was round about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of electrum. In many translations the color is not amber, but electrum (New American Bible, in the appendix of the Rotherham, and others) Electrum is correct, it is a mixture of gold and silver, a pale yellow in color. The gold would represent Yahweh and the silver would represent Yahshua, the one in authority directly beneath Yahweh. This indicates that it was coming, not only from the throne of Yahweh, but from the thrones of both Yahweh and Yahshua. That they were together. The mixture of the two would produce this light pale color. To show that Yahweh and Yahshua are together

Rev. 22:1&3 " And he shewed me a pure river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

3. And There shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him.

~~Rev. 14:4 "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.."~~

Yahweh and the Lamb, the two. Yahshua is doing the express will of His father. So this would indicate the presence of Yahweh and Yahshua and this authority, this vision was coming from the Father and the son.

The explanation of the meaning of the gold and silver is found in Daniel 2. That prophecy shows an ~~image~~ <sup>figure</sup> that represents the devils mimic organization. The devil would be like the most high copies Yahweh's organization, gives himself positions, and positions his creatures like Yahweh might do. We see in Daniel 2:37-39 that he himself is the head of Gold and the one directly beneath him is silver.

Vs. 5. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

These four living creatures had the likeness of a man. Man is created in the image of Yahweh. (Gen 1:26 "Let us make man in our image.") This would indicate that these creatures had the attributes of Yahweh, love, justice, wisdom, and power. The four living creatures would symbolize the four attributes of Yahweh and we find that each of the living creatures also itself had the four attributes. ~~In other words, was not able to do anything, nor did not do anything, without considering all of the attributes.~~ <sup>y would or do</sup>

Vs. 6. And every one had four faces and every one had four wings.

This would mean that the four who represent the attributes of Yahweh would not do anything on their own with one attribute without having all the other attributes going along with it. For instance, power would not be employed without justice, without love, <sup>wisdom</sup> ~~so~~ all of the attributes had to go along together.

Now, the four living creatures having four wings would indicate that this vision represented the 2nd heavens, or ~~that~~ which was beneath the throne, It is not in the 3rd heavens, this is where Yahweh is, the loftiest position. Is. 6:1&2 This is the organization of Yahweh, a heavenly organization beneath the throne. in II Cor. 12:2, Paul looked ~~into~~ <sup>up</sup> the 3rd heavens and the seraphim there had 6 wings. These have 4 wings, indicating that this is the organization directly beneath Yahweh. This is the 2nd heavens.

Vs. 7. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

~~The feet being straight would mean strong supportative, unbending, unyielding, this would picture the lower portion of the organization.~~ <sup>level</sup> Anything that is not straight is weak, bending, brittle, will give, may bend or crack.

"And the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot;". A Calf has a split hoof and this would indicate absolute cleanliness, acceptable to Yahweh and the calf was accepted, was given to Israel as a clean animal.

For further explanation of the verse I'll quote from Moffatts - with limbs straight and gleaming like burnished bronze, and with the soles of their feet rounded like the feet of calves."

and Revised - "Their legs were straight and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled

says their feet were straight but actually what it should be is the legs are straight. The feet is like that of a calf's foot and the legs are straight.

Now, the brass would indicate the lower portion of the heavenly organization which would reach down to the angelic hosts. Describing Yahweh's organization:

Rev. 1:13 "and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden girdle round his breast, 14. his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, 15. his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace.

This is describing Yahshua and his entire organization - feet of burnished bronze would indicate the lowest part of the org. which would be the angelic hosts. Yahshua is the head of the entire organization and by giving us the colors, Yahweh is explaining what portion of the org. he is referring to.

Vs. 8. And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

Revised Version says; "Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus:"

The hands would indicate skill, would indicate the ability to accomplish, to do things. This goes along with the ability of man. He applies his intelligence and the hands that Yahweh had given him, the skill Yahweh had given him, the ability to construct and to do things would indicate that this organization was able to make progress and do things that were necessary to be done.

Vs. 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

Joining their wings together would indicate that the entire org. was linked together, there was no separation, one was not going one way and one another. The four were always working together. This we have found in many of our studies, that Yahweh does nothing without employing all of His attributes, love, justice, wisdom, and power go along with everything he does. ~~He never employs them in any way.~~

Vs. 10. As for the likeness of their faces they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, and the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

These faces are descriptive of His attributes.

Face of a Man - would indicate Love because only a man has the intelligence to actually feel for someone, so sympathize, to understand, to show true emotion beside fear. In other words he can put himself in someone else's place through his intelligence, through his understanding. Man is the only creature who is able to be unselfish and be concerned and share other people's feelings.

The Face of a Lion - The lion symbolizes kingship, indicating justice, the lion is referred to as the king of the beasts and has to do with authority. The purpose of law is to establish justice to see that mankind is treated fairly and equally. Now man is so corrupt that he has what he calls a form of justice, but it's on the wrong foundation, so there are many times when he truly wanders away from true justice. But, with Yahweh there will be true justice.

Face of an Ox - This represents Power The ox is known for its brute power. This is another attribute of Yahweh and this is employed in His org.

Face of an Eagle - represents wisdom An eagle has 8 times the vision of man. It can see eight times farther. To see is to understand, to understand is to have knowledge, and with knowledge comes wisdom

These are the four attributes of Yahweh and in this org. they go forward together.

Vs. 11. Thus were their faces; and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

I'll read from Smith's trans. - "The wings of the four of them were outstretched, one pair being linked to those of the next creature, and the other pair covering the body.

Vs. 12. And they went every one straight forward; whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

This also in Smith's - Each went straight forward; Wherever the spirit wished to go, they went, not turning as they went.

Which ever way the spirit led them they went, not turning one way or another. Wherever the spirit directed them, they went straight forward, nothing diverted them. The spirit guided them.

*turn* Vs. 13. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps; it went up a down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

13. This fire represents Yahweh's truth. In Leviticus 16:12-13 fire was taken from the altar and incense was poured on the fire and the incense produced a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. So, this would picture the truth and the blessings that would come from the truth. The burning coals of fire and the lamps would picture the blessings from the truth and the light from Yahweh and the blessings that it brings. (also in Moffatts) *1/1 continue in Moffatts*  
"Also in the middle of the creatures there was something moving to and from like ..."

13. Moffatts .. glowing coals, like torches, a fire that gleamed out and flashed out lightning 14, "while out of the fire went lightning, running to and from."

Smith's. 14. "And the fire had a radiance, while out of the fire went lightning, running to and fro. The King James version would have you believe that the creatures were running to and fro. If that happenen, naturally they'd have to break contact and the org. would not be moving in unison. So, it is actually the fire that is running to and fro, not the creatures.  
(Lightning)

( This flashing light is Yahweh's holy spirit moving from creature to creature, guiding them in all that they do. )

15. Moffatts's - "As I gazed, there was a wheel on the ground beside each of the four creatures!"

The wheel, This wheel reached down to the earth. The wheel is an invention that serves man and it's still used to carry great loads for great distances; much farther, and much greater than man can carry himself. It's a method employed to facilitate his work. He can transfer goods from one place to another and he can exchange goods. So actually, the wheel is or would represent a system. The wheels represent a system, but we find as we go on that its more than just a wheel.

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Stone of Tarshish  
merchant stone*

16. Jeremiah translated from Hebrew "Appearance of the wheels and their work like gleaming Tarshish - in likeness one, for they four in their appearance and their work, as it were became a wheel within a wheel. "

"The appearance of the wheels and their work"- meaning they were in motion. "like gleaming Tarshish," <sup>the</sup> Tarshish stone which is the color of the sea, a bluish-green. Tarshish the region this stone comes from was a commercial city, it had many ships. The Bible mentions the ships of Tarshish. In other words, it had a quality, the color was sea-green, or bluish green. So it had a quality or an attribute that was specifically related to sea farring men. Not only was the color like the sea, but it ~~was specifically~~ found in the commercial city so it ~~was the epithet of a merchant, merchant vessel.~~





17. They went ; in one direction at a time. There was no confusion. There was no pulling in different directions. Which ever way they were commended to move, they went, never turning from one side to another. Once we have the kingdom we will not be pullin in all directions, we will have the complete understanding of Yahweh. We will know His will and will work together.

18. The rings are actually the rims of these wheels (New American Bible). The rims were so high that they were dreadful.. The wheels were upon the earth, or touched the ground, but reached high into the heavens, and it was the tremendous height that should be called awesome and not dreadful.

Now the org. brings us down to the lowest part of the heavenly org. the legs of brass, but the wheels touch the earth and they were so high that they were frightening, indicating that the org. made contact with the earth and with the heavens.

They were full of eyes round about. The eyes would symbolize wisdom. Now this system is not merely an inanimate system. The system ; is made ; up of ~~creatures~~, understanding creatures. It will be run by Israel and all of Israel that make up these wheels that's functioning in the org. will be understanding people. Although ; it will be on earth, the contact will be made into the heavens.

(9. Moffatt's - "Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels moved with them, and whenever the creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose with them, wherever the spirit impelled them to go they went, for a living spirit was in the wheels.

So the living spirit was in the wheels.

Revised states " And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose.

Vs. 20. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

Smith's- 21. "When these went they went and when these stood still they stood still and when these rose from the earth the wheel rose along with them for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels." (Only went or moved together)

In other words, the wheels did not have their own spirits, the spirit of the creatures was in the wheels. What is the spirit of the creatures? The creatures represent the four attributes of Yahweh, so the four attributes of Yahweh were guiding the wheels. / The wheels represent the earthly org. which was full of eyes and made contact with the heavens, but it was guided by Yahweh's four attributes. Yahweh emphasizes this to show that nothing is done without the living creatures, or his four attributes.

Vs. 22 - The cleared translation in this is Douay: "And over the heads of the living creatures was the likeness of the firmament, as the appearance of crystal terrible to behold and stretched out over their heads above."

Many translations say terrible crystal or terrible ice. The Douay says; "terrible to behold." In other words, the ice is not dreadful or fearful nor is the crystal, but what is fearful is the terrible expanse, the height and this can only be appreciated by observing something that would normally be on solid earth, and seeing it at fantastic heights. So this is what is terrible. Height can be very fearful, awesome. So above this we find this great expanse which was tremendously high, much higher than these creatures, far above these creatures. *Crystal is clear, you can see thru to see that the throne of Yahshua is above.*

23-24 Smith/Goodspeed

Under the firmament one pair of their wings touched those of the next creature, while the other pair covered the body.

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Yahweh

24. And when they went, the sound of their wings sounded to me like the sound of mighty waters, of like the voice the the almighty - it was a sound of tumult like that of an armed camp and when they stood still, they let down their wings.

*ALSO READ 25. K.J.*

Creatures reached to the level of Yahshua, *he was above them,* as though the instructions came down from him. Fact that you could see through the firmament and see there was contact even though Yahshua was at a higher plane than they were. *INSTRUCTIONS coming from Him is directing the whole thing*

The wings sounded like the noise of great waters, or many waters, or a multitude, a host, some translations say like the din of an army, a tremendous hosts. This would indicate that this org. that Ezekiel was seeing was not only made up of four creature, there was a tremendous org. there were innumerable hosts, and this is indicated by the voices that are heard like the noise of a host.

*This is when ISRAEL begins to speak, a great multitude of people.*

~~(Note 25 in King James is incorrect, doesn't make sense.)  
(Voice from firmament, Yahshua giving orders) ?~~

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26. Smiths "Above the firmament that was over their heads was the semblance of a throne, colored like sapphire; and upon the semblance of the throne was a semblance like that of a man sitting above it."

This is indicating or showing that this is the throne of Yahshua, He is above the great expanse, the firmament, the terrible crystal, the awesome crystal. Yahshua is actually put above every power, principality, everything that was ever created. Yahshua's position is pictured here being far above everything and everybody. (Eph. 1:20-21)

*Read here*  
27. And I saw as the color of amber (or as the American translation brings out, and the Jewish translation and the Rotherham as the color of electrum) As the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. Smith/Goodspeed - "From the appearance of his loins upward I saw something with a luster like that of shining metal; and from the appearance of his loins downward I saw something resembling fire, with a radiance round about it, ~~resembling the bow that appears in the clouds on a rainy day~~"

" As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake."

The bow represents a covenant or promise. When the bow was first seen in the heavens, it was a covenant made by YAHWEH, that he would never again destroy the earth with water. Now this covenant represents a covenant that Yahshua has made with the human race by shedding his blood and becoming our King and saviour.

Ezekiel falling on his face pictures Israel when they realize how beautiful YAHWEH is and how beautiful HIS organization will be. This is an Israel of understanding, who worship YAHWEH and love HIM with all their heart.

So in ending this chapter, it has shown us the entire organization of YAHWEH, and most important, this system guided by the Almighty God YAHWEH, HIS Kingdom, will always and in every way operate with HIS four attributes which are love, justice, wisdom, and power.

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They are doing the will or the commands of YAHWEH.

to continue with verse 24.

"It was the sound of a tumult, like that of an armed camp.  
And when they stood still they let down their wings."

Verse 25 Authorized Translation

"And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads,  
when they stood, and had let down their wings."

So the creatures had reached to the level of Yahshua, he is above them. The instructions come down from him. The fact that you could see through, to see that Yahshua was above, to see that there was contact. Even though Yahshua is at a much higher plane than they were. So the instructions are from Yahshua, he is directing the whole thing.

The wings sounded like the noise of great waters or many waters, a multitude, a host. Many translations say, the den of a great army. This would indicate that this organization that Ezekiel was seeing was not only made up of only four creatures, but that this was a tremendous organization. There were innumerable host. This is indicated by the voices that are heard like the noise of a host. This is when Israel begins to speak, a great multitude of people.

Verse 26 Smith's Translation

"Above the firmament that was over their heads was the semblance of a throne, colored like sapphire. And upon the semblance of the throne was a semblance like that of a man, sitting above it."

Now, it was Yahshua that was once a man, living on earth as a man. This is indicating that the throne of Yahshua is above the great expanse, the awesome crystal or the terrible crystal. Yahshua is actually put above every power and principality, everything that was ever created. Yahshua's position is pictured here as being far above everything and everybody.

Verse 27

"And I saw as the colour of amber, (electrom) as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about."

In the Smith Goodspeed

"From the appearance of his loins upward, I saw something with a luster, like that of shining metal. And from the appearance of his loins downward, I saw something resembling fire, with a radiance about it."

This has to do with Yahshua, it brings out that the light that he is in. The complete wisdom possessed by him, given to him by his Father YAHWEH.

Verse 28

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