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Ezekiel 1.

1 . Ezekiel's Vision of ELOHIM. .

Ezekiel!

Now it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of ELOHIM!

2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, 3 the word of YHWH came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Kasdim by the river Chebar; and the hand of YHWH was there on him.

4 I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of its midst as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

6 Everyone had four faces, and each one of them had four wings.

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

8 They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:

9 their wings were joined one to another; they didn't turn when they went; each one went straight forward.

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

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Two wings of each one touched another, and two covered their bodies.

12 Each one went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went; they didn't turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: the fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15 Now as I saw the living creatures, behold, one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces of it.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl: and the four of them had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel.

17 When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around.

19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went; there was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 Over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like the awesome crystal to look on, stretched forth over their heads above.

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23 Under the expanse were their wings straight, the one toward the other: each one had two which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army: when they stood. they let down their wings.

25 There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings.

26 Above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above.

27 I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his waist and upward; and from the appearance of his waist and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. 28 As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of YHWH! When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

Psalms 148.

. Praise to YHWH from Creation. . 1

Praise YAH! Praise YHWH from the heavens! Praise him in the heights! 2 Praise him, all his angels! Praise him, all his army!

3 Praise him, sun and moon! Praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, You waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of YHWH, For he commanded, and they were created.

6 He has also established them forever and ever. He has made a decree which will not pass away.

7 Praise YHWH from the earth, you great sea creatures, and all depths!

8 Lightning and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling his word;

9 mountains and all hills; fruit trees and all cedars;

10 wild animals and all livestock; small creatures and flying birds;

11 kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth;

12 both young men and maidens; old men and children:

13 let them praise the name of YHWH, for his name alone is exalted. His glory is above the earth and the heavens.

14 He has lifted up the horn of his people, the praise of all his holy ones; even of the children of Israel, a people near to him. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 16.

1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from YHWH! 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but YHWH weighs the motives.

3 Commit your deeds to YHWH, and your plans shall succeed.

4 YHWH has made everything for its own end yes, even the wicked for the day of evil. 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to YHWH: they shall certainly not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for. By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please YHWH, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice.

9 A man's heart plans his course, but YHWH directs his steps.

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10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the king. He shall not betray his mouth.

11 Honest balances and scales are YHWH's; all the weights in the bag are his work. 12 It is an abomination for kings to do wrong, for the throne is established by

righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.

14 The king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain.

16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the plunder with the proud.

20 He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in YHWH is blessed.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction.

22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the punishment of fools is their folly.

23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him: for his mouth urges him on.

27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire.

28 A perverse man stirs up strife. A whisperer separates close friends.

29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good.

30 One who winks his eves to plot perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil.

31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is attained by a life of righteousness.

32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from YHWH!

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