

{26} Ezekiel

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King James Paraphrase {updated 5/24/2014}

Chapter 1

(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 Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

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

(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.

(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.

Chapter 1

(1) Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year^a, in the fourth *month* {Tammuz [June/July]}, in the fifth *day* of the month^b, while I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

(2) In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity^{*c},

(3) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon him there.

(4) And I looked, and saw, as a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness *was* around it, and out of its midst as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Note: The 70 year exile to Babylon began the third year of Jehoiakim king of Judah (II Ki. 24:1; II Chr. 36:5-11) in 3520 A.H./C-522 B.C - Daniel and his friends were carried into captivity during this first exile. - Eight years later Jehoiachin reigned for only three months and ten days (II Chr. 36:9-10) before he was carried into captivity. From the wording of verse one it appears that Ezekiel was in this second group carried into captivity with king Jehoiachin. Ezek 33:21 and 40:1 say "our" captivity which tends to support this. See also Ezek. 4:6; 12:13; and 40:1

1:1a - thirtieth year - that is the thirtieth year of Ezekiel's life which means that he was seventeen when the first exile began and twenty-five when Jehoiachin's exile began. Note this can't be the thirtieth year of the captivity since it was only the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity - which was the thirteenth year of the seventy total years of captivity Ezek. 1:2. See: Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History
 Note: thirteen is the number of rebellion against God -- see Use of Numbers in Scripture at: <http://www.TheWordNotes.com>

1:1b - the fifth day of the fourth month - Tammuz 5 - (June to July on Gregorian calendar)

1:2c - 5th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [3533 A.H./C-509 B.C.] - 390 years since the death of king Solomon [3143 A.H./C- 899 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History - see note on 4:6

5th year of Jehoiachin's captivity
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<p>(23) And under the firmament <i>were</i> their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.</p> <p>(24) And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.</p> <p>(25) And there was a voice from the firmament that <i>was</i> over their heads, when they stood, <i>and</i> had let down their wings.</p> <p>(26) And above the firmament that <i>was</i> over their heads <i>was</i> the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne <i>was</i> the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.</p> <p>(27) And I saw as the colour of amber, 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.</p> <p>(28) As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so <i>was</i> the appearance of the brightness round about. This <i>was</i> the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw <i>it</i>, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.</p>	<p>(23) And under the firmament {sky}^f their wings <i>were</i> straight, towards one another: each one had two, which covered one side, and each one had two, which covered the opposite side of their bodies.</p> <p>(24) And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the sound of great {rushing} waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an army: when they stood, they let down their wings.</p> <p>(25) And there was a voice from the firmament {sky} that <i>was</i> over their heads, when they stood, <i>and</i> had let down their wings.</p> <p>(26) And above the firmament {sky} that <i>was</i> over their heads <i>was</i> the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire^g {bright blue} stone: and upon the likeness of the throne <i>was</i> the likeness as the appearance of a Man above upon it.</p> <p>(27) And I saw the color of amber, as the appearance of fire around within it, from the appearance of His waist upwards, and from the appearance of His waist downwards, I saw what appeared to be fire, and it had brightness around it.</p> <p>(28) As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so <i>was</i> the appearance of the brightness around it. This <i>was</i> the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD {Jehovah}. And when I saw <i>it</i>, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of One Who spoke.</p>

1:23f - firmament - sky - see note on Genesis 1:6,8
1:26g - sapphire - bright blue

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Chapter 2

(1) And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.
(2) And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.
(3) And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.
(4) For *they are* impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.
(5) And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.
(6) And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.
(7) And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* most rebellious.
(8) But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.
(9) And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein;

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(1) And He said to me, Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you.
(2) And the spirit entered into me when He spoke to me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard Him Who spoke to me.
(3) And He said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me: they and their forefathers have transgressed against Me, *even* to this very day.
(4) Because *they are* insolent children and stubborn. I do send you to them; and you must say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says.
(5) And they, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen, (because they *are* a rebellious household,) will know that there has been a prophet among them.
(6) And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *are* with you, and you live among scorpions: do not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, even though they *are* a rebellious house.
(7) And you must speak My words to them, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen: because they *are* most rebellious.
(8) But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you; Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you.
(9) And when I looked, look, a hand *was* sent to me; and a scroll of a book *was* in it;

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(16) When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* destruction, *and* which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:
(17) So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken *it*.

Chapter 6

(1) And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
(2) Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
(3) And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
(4) And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols.
(5) And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
(6) In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.
(7) And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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(16) When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* destruction, *and* which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your supply of bread:
(17) So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall cause you grief; and disease and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword upon you. I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

Chapter 6

(1) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,
(2) Son of man, set your face towards the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
(3) And say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD {Jehovah}; This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Look, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
(4) And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your dead *men* before your idols.
(5) And I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.
(7) And the those killed shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(8) Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have *some* that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

(9) And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

(10) And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

(11) Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

(12) He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

(13) Then shall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savor to all their idols.

(14) So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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(8) Yet I will *spare* a remnant, that you may have *some* who shall escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries.

(9) And those of you who escape shall remember Me among the nations wherever they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their lustful hearts, which have departed from Me, and with their eyes, which go lusting after their idols: and they shall hate themselves because of the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

(10) And they shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

(11) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! Because they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the disease.

(12) He who is far off shall die of the disease; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine: and so I will accomplish My fury upon them.

(13) Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when their dead *men* shall be among their idols around their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they offered sweet aromas to all their idols.

(14) So I will stretch out My hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the wilderness towards Diblath, in all their homes: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.