

EZEKIEL 1; July 6; Ezekiel's Vision of God's Glory

ANALYSIS:

1. Ezekiel saw visions of God in the thirtieth year of what? _____
2. What was Ezekiel's occupation and where was he when the word of the LORD came to him? _____
3. In Ezekiel's vision, where did the four living creatures come from?

4. While the living creatures had "the likeness of a man" (v 5), what were their faces like? _____
5. When Ezekiel saw the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD, what did he do? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Throughout the Bible when men saw the glory of the LORD God they were overwhelmed with fear! In this chapter when Ezekiel saw the glory of the LORD, he fell upon his face. When the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos saw the risen and glorified Christ, he fell at his feet as dead (Rev 1:17). When the man Moses saw the burning bush and heard the voice of God from the midst of the bush, he hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God (Ex 3:6). Joshua also fell on his face to the earth when he saw the Captain of the LORD's host on the plain of Jericho (Josh 5:14). Our God is terrible, a great King, and a consuming fire. We must always fear before him for his great power and infinite holiness!

But at the same time in which JEHOVAH is the great and dreadful God of this universe, he is also our loving heavenly Father who personally cares for each one of us in the Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice today that he who is the unapproachable God (I Tim 6:16), beckons us to boldly come unto his throne of grace to "obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16). The Lord Jesus Christ has opened up the way for us to come!

HELP:

1. In the thirtieth year of the Babylonian captivity (v 1).
2. Ezekiel was a priest, and he was by the river Chebar in the land of the Chaldeans, or Babylon (v 3).
3. The four living creatures came out of the whirlwind (vv 4-5).
4. They had the face of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (v 10).
5. Ezekiel fell on his face when he saw the glory of the LORD (v 28).