Ezekiel 1:11-28, 2:1-5

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Chapter 1

10 As for the likeness of their faces, *each* had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a
lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four
had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus *were* their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two *wings* of each
one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And each one went straight forward;
they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

- Six wings
  - Upwards: Spiritual Life
  - Touched each other: Love and Virtue
  - Bodies: Service

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, like the
appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and
out of the fire went lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a
flash of lightning.

15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel *was* on the earth beside each living
creature with its four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings *was* like the color
of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings *was,* as it were, a
wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17 When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions;
they did not turn aside when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome;
and their rims *were* full of eyes, all around the four of them. 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 wanted to go, they went, *because* there the spirit went; and
the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures *was* in the wheels.
21 When those went, *these* went; when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up
from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures
was in the wheels.

22 The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures *was* like the color of an
awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. 23 And under the firmament their wings *spread
out*straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two
which covered the other side of the body. 24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like
the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and
when they stood still, they let down their wings. 25 A voice came from above the firmament that
was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. 27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the brightness all around it. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

So when I saw *it,* I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

Chapter 2

1 And He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.” 2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4 For *they are* impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ 5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they *are* a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 “And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *are* with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they *are* rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

9 Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book *was* in it. 10 Then He spread it before me; and *there was* writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it *were* lamentations and mourning and woe.

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