

“The Book Of Ezekiel: A Biblical Overview of Cherubim” (Part 3)

Ezekiel 1:1-28

*The Book of Ezekiel begins with the destruction of the Kingdom and ends with the fulfillment of the Kingdom; namely the Millennial Reign of Christ. **This vision** is to show that God is not done with Israel, His plan is not impeded by Israel, and God will use Israel as the instrument to redeem mankind, namely through Jesus Christ.*

- The Babylonian Captivity: 606 BC - 536 BC — 70 years of Captivity (Jeremiah 25:4-7,12).
 - There were three different deportations into Babylon:
 - Daniel’s — 606 BC: Daniel 1:1-7; 2 Kings 24:1-7 — Jehoiakim was King of Judah during this time.
 - **Ezekiel’s — 597 BC: Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2 Kings 24:11-14 — Jehoiachin was King of Judah during this time.**
 - The Final Deportation — 586 BC: Ezekiel 25; 33:21; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21 — Zedekiah was King of Judah during this time.
 - Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel are the prophets during this time. Daniel was the prophet in the Babylonian King’s presence and Ezekiel was the prophet of the Exiles in Babylon, Jeremiah was the prophet in Israel.
- The Cherubim are connected with:
 - The presence of God; The Glory of God; The Revelation of God; and the Power of God.
 - The appearance of the Cherubim (Numbers 2:1-34)
 - “The **people of Israel** shall camp each by his own standard, with **the banners** of their fathers’ houses. They shall camp facing the **tent of meeting** on every side.”
 - Judah to the east (Lion); Reuben to the south (Man); Ephraim to the west (Ox); Dan to the north (Eagle).
 - “And in you (Abraham/Israel) all the families of earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:3)
“For salvation is from the Jews.” (John 4:22)
 - “*Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole’s of a calf’s foot....they had human hands.*”:
 - “Are they not all ministering spirits (angels) **sent out to serve** for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14). “Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who **do His word**, obeying the voice of His word” (Psalm 103:20).
 - “*Their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went....wherever the Spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went.*”
 - “...having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the council of His will.” (Ephesians 1:11)
 - “*Their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches....the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.*”
 - “And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are My people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’” (Zechariah 13:9)
 - “*I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them....all four were full of eyes all around.*” (cf. Revelation 4:6)
 - “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward Him” (2 Chronicles 16:9). “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.” (Proverbs 15:3) (Continued →)

- The wheels and the eyes show God's omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence, and His providence in working all things according to His plans.
 - *"When God wanted to reveal Himself in the supreme revelation of His person, He did so in the form of the man Christ Jesus."* – (Charles Feinburg)
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