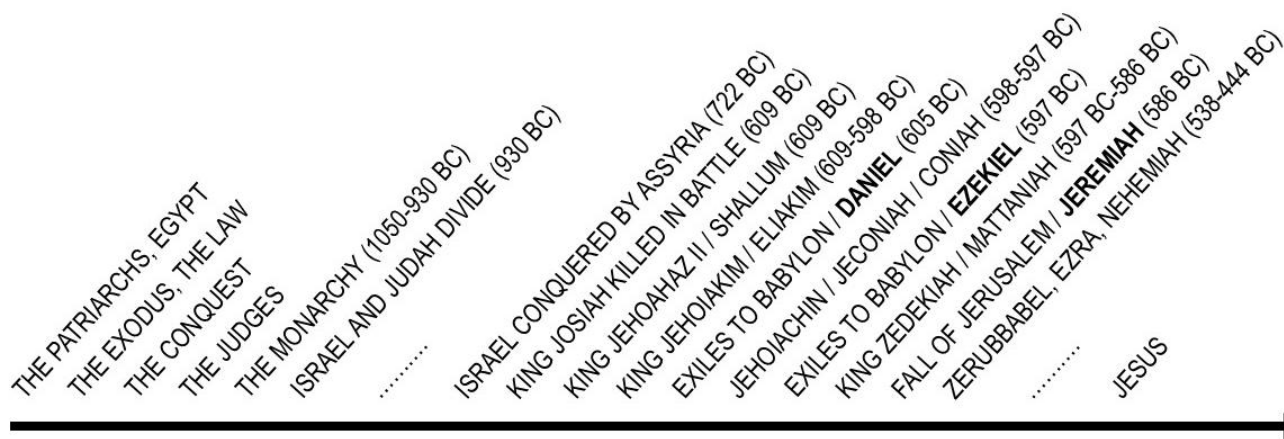




EZEKIEL 1:1–28

¹ In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ² On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), ³ the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the LORD was upon him there. ⁴ As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. ⁵ And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, ⁶ but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings ...

²² Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. ²³ And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body. ²⁴ And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings. ²⁵ And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings. ²⁶ And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. ²⁷ And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. ²⁸ Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking. (Ezekiel 1:1–28)



Introduction

- Ezekiel means “_____.”
- Ezekiel was trained to be a _____, and he was called to be a _____.
- Ezekiel’s entire ministry took place in exile in _____.

The Big Idea of Ezekiel 1:1-28

- The _____ of the LORD inspires _____ in the hearts of God’s people (Ezekiel 1:28).

How did Ezekiel’s vision move him to awe, and how should it move us to awe?

- The _____ was a manifestation of the glory of God.
- The _____ (cherubim) exist to guard the glory of God.
- The _____ was the personal manifestation of the glory of God.

Application

- Christians are _____ and are to _____ as exiles (1 Peter 1:1, 1:17, 2:11).
- Christians know the glory of God in _____ (2 Corinthians 3:15-4:6).
- Christians hold a _____ view of Christ (Luke 2, John 13 ... Matthew 17, Revelation 1).
- Christians have a _____ for the nations (Matthew 28:18-20).