

## **Ezekiel: The Glory Returns! Part 1**

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### **"THE VISION OF GOD'S THRONE"**

**Text: Ezekiel 1:1-10**

#### **Introduction & Background**

Jerusalem's captivity took place in three separate stages:

1<sup>st</sup> Jerusalem is taken but not destroyed. (606 B.C.)

- Only the "best and brightest" taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jerusalem rebelled and is looted but not destroyed.  
(597 B.C.)

- 10,000 people taken. (Poorest left)

3<sup>rd</sup> Jerusalem rebelled once again and is completely destroyed.  
(586 B.C.)

- All are scattered or killed.

#### **The Setting of the Vision 1:1-3**

v. 1

"The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God" -

Jesus (Matthew 3:16)

Stephen (Acts 6)

Peter (Acts 10)

Windows (Malachi 3)

**Key Point:** By the waters of \_\_\_\_\_ we too can  
experience \_\_\_\_\_ open up to us.

vv. 2-3

"The River Chebar"

#### **Visions of the Glory of God 1:4-10**

v. 4

"Coming out of the north" -

Isaiah 14:13

Psalms 75:5-7

Hebrews 12:29

1 John 1:5

Acts 26:13

v. 5

"Likeness" -

"Appearance" -

Revelation 4 & 5

Cherubim -

vv. 6-9

"Legs were straight" -

James 1:17

#### **Similarities and Differences Between Ezekiel and John's Visions**

v. 10

The Face of a Man -

The Face of a Lion -

The Face of an Ox -

The Face of an Eagle -

#### **By the Rivers of Babylon**

##### **What is exile?**

Psalms 137:1-4

Psalms 126:1

Hebrews 13:14