

## 26-Ezekiel-00-Transcript

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Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study where together we study the scripture line upon line.

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Now, I hope I'm coming through clearly.

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I just noticed when we launched the new video, it seemed to have a bit of a delay.

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Also when I went live, the, the live stream just cut out.

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And so I had to go live a second time, but hopefully I am coming through clearly.

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I'll just I don't, I'm not seeing it on rumble yet, but I will just hang on here and wait.

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OK, so Pastor Murray saying all good.

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I think I'm still not seeing it here, but let me just refresh.

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Yes.

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OK.

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Good.

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Sorry about that.

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All right.

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So very, very good.

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I'll open with a word of prayer and then hopefully everything is fine on your end.

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But I just got a confirmation from Pastor Murray that I'm coming through our loving heavenly father.

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We come before you.

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What can we say, Lord, the world is lost.

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It's going insane.

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Its leaders are taking it to very, very dark places and yet father, you've given us the, the distinct privilege of the light of your word.

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We thank you for our Lord, our savior Jesus Christ.

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Thank you that we know who he is.

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We recognize him and we honor and glorify him as he points us to you.

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And, and thank you father that we can now pick up this ancient scroll of the book of Ezekiel, a book which many would have no idea what's in it, never mind to actually study it.

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We thank you for this privilege of studying it line by line.

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Pray that you'll bless us that you'll deepen our understanding and, and help us father to understand your will.

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More precisely we thank you God for all the brethren.

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We pray in the holy and the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

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Amen.

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So I did hear from Pastor Murray that all is good.

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Yes, yes.

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So I did refresh and that, that did help.

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OK.

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Very, very good.

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So we are studying together now, a new book.

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Oh, I'm just curious as well if you can just type in the chat.

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how was the introductory video?

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Because it seemed to be glitchy on my end.

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So I don't know how, how that came across.

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So if you don't mind just typing in the chat, I'll be curious to see if that came across.

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We're gonna be studying now by God's Grace.

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And if he permits this ancient scroll of Ezekiel, it's a big book 48 chapters and it's broken up into three main sections.

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So we're gonna cover from chapter 1 to 24 are the oracles of judgment and these judgments are specifically against Judah.

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We'll see that.

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And Jerusalem then from chapters 25 to 32 section two is a set of oracles and judgments against the surrounding nations around Jerusalem.

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And then finally, from 33 to the end of the book, 48 are oracles of restoration primarily to Judah, but also Israel.

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the northern tribes, the scattered tribes will also be reunited with Judah.

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We know that God divorced the northern kingdom, but in the end, according to the prophecies, he, they're going to be restored and reunited.

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So those will be the three major sections of Ezekiel I did mention before starting this study and I'll just say it again because it's such a big book.

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I don't think we'll go through it end to end nonstop as we did with Psalms as we did with Isaiah.

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We'll take a couple of breaks and study some other texts just to break it up a little bit.

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And also, I don't think we'll go to chapter 48 before we have Pastor Murray join me and we do our live Q and A maybe we'll do it by those sections.

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So when we finish the oracles against Judah, specifically Jerusalem in chapter 24 maybe that would sort of be a good break for us to do a bit of a summary.

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I think the study is gonna raise a lot of questions and that's good.

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So keep track of your questions and feel free to submit them as you think of them.

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Pastor Murray is very, very good at just cataloging and keeping track and making sure that nothing slips through the cracks.

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So with all of that being said, let's get into our study of the scroll of Ezekiel, I should just mention just by way of introducing the prophet, the name is Ezekiel, actually means God strengthens.

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So the the Hebrew word that, that we say is Zeke.

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It actually means God strengthen God strength, strength of and then is God and it's a similar name to Hezekiah.

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instead of in that case, it's ya Yahoo.

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and that's the same, same name, same meaning that God strengthens.

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Now, as we get into the study, let me just open the scriptures as we get into the study.

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I, I wanted to just link it to Peter.

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So we've just finished the epistles of Peter.

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And in second Peter two and verse nine, Peter reminds us that God knows how to deliver the Godly out of trials and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

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And I think this is very relevant to us as we study Ezekiel because a lot of the book of Ezekiel is around judgment and judgment of his own people.

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And yet, and, and part of that judgment was the captivity that Babylon took to, to put em embraced or, or, or cap took captive Judah and put them through severe slavery.

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And that was, that was God's according to God's judgment because of their violation of the covenant.

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Now in the midst of all of that, we see prophets like Daniel, like Jeremiah and like Ezekiel, who the the hand of the Lord is upon them and they do the greatest work of their life in the midst of this captivity.

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I think this is important for us as we are heading into these very strange, very unstable, bizarre, very evil times and it's clear that the West is collapsing and we'll be going into slavery in one form or another.

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Despite all of that, let's remember what Peter said that the Lord knows how to deliver the Godly out of trials and, and to reserve the unjust until the day of judgment.

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So while, while the unjust are being judged in Ezekiel, Ezekiel is being set aside and being put into ministry.

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So let's remember that.

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Let's also remember the prophecy, the foundational prophecy of Moses, which we can just capture it here in the first three verses of chapter 30 of Deuteronomy that it shall come to pass when all these things, he just finished pronouncing the blessings and the curses associated legally with the covenant and then he says immediately after presenting these, when all, all of this has come upon you, meaning you're gonna get both the blessing and the curse.

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When you've had it all, you're gonna be blessed for obeying God.

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But you're also going to violate the covenant and you're gonna be cursed.

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And when all of that comes upon you, which I've just finished setting before you and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord, your God has scattered you.

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So you cannot stay in the land.

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The land, God is holy, the land is holy for you to stay there.

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You have to be holy.

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If you're gonna be unholy, you're gonna be thrust out of the land while you're in captivity, the gospel is gonna be preached all over the world and you're, it's gonna, you're gonna bring it to mind of what Moses taught and then you're going to return to the Lord because God has God has chosen you and God is not, has not changed his mind.

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He's not replacing you with anybody else.

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He he's chosen you.

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And this is his promise to Abraham and you're going to return unto the Lord, your God.

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And then you're going to obey his voice.

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According to the Torah, the, the Torah is going to be alive and well stays.

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He's going, you're going to obey his voice according to all that I commend you this day, you and your Children.

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But you're going to do it this time with all your heart and with all your soul.

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And you're going to fulfill the original intent that God had when he entered into covenant with you.

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This is the foundational prophecy that then when you, when you finally repent and you understand the gospel message and you accept Jesus Christ as your messiah, that then the Lord, your God will end your captivity.

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Your slavery will come to an end as much as people face of the earth.

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They will not be successful because God has chosen you.

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But he has to put you through this, this rough and tumble of the, of the washing machine to get you clean, to get you to be truly repentant.

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And then he's gonna have compassion upon you and will return and he will gather you from all the nations where the Lord, your God has scattered you.

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So that's the fundamental prophecy in a nutshell.

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And that's what we're going to see in Ezekiel.

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It's gonna take us 48 chapters to go through it all.

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But what just like Isaiah, what these prophets are doing and Jeremiah and all the prophets, they're basically taking the fundamental prophecy of Moses and magnifying it and amplifying it and, and, and putting a, a magnifying glass on it, really giving us the details of what this is all about and how it will come to pass.

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So Ezekiel is following Moses having said all of that Let's begin, Ezekiel.

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Now it came to pass in the 30th year in the fourth month in the fifth day of the month as I was among the captives by the river of Kar that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

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So there's quite a bit here for us to unpack.



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I just remembered, I was asking you about the opening video.

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Let me just pop over there and see how that went.

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I was able to see the intro but I was delayed a bit.

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Looks good.

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Looks.

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OK?

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So it looks like it worked wonderful.

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Thank you.

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So just a bit glitchy on my end.

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So the 30th year, what does that mean?

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So some say that you know, this is the 30th year of Joho ain's reign.

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I don't think that's right.

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Others say that it's the 30th year for Ezekiel.

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He basically, he turned 30 this year.

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The year that he was taken captive is the year that he turned 30 that he was then given this mission to become a prophet of the Lord at the age of 30.

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I prefer that interpretation of the 30th year and I'll show you in the next verse why he was among the captives.

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So he was taken captive with, with these Nebuchadnezzar.

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I think it was in 597 BC that the first raid into Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar happened and he basically took the cream of the crop.

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And Ezekiel was among those we know Daniel was among those.

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so he's among these captives, but as they're settling in their camps and doing whatever they do at this particular time, he was by the river.

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And that seems like as you know, given the, the priestly nature of Ezekiel, he would want to be near water to do his evolutions to have cleansing.

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So he, he's at the river and probably maybe there's worship services that might take place at the river that while he's there, the heavens were opened and he saw visions of God, which is really in a sense, we could say it's a bit bizarre because God was always associated.

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His presence was always associated with Jerusalem and with the temple and now the temple has been raided.

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The people have been taking everything, all the, all the property has been looted and now he's in Babylon and of all places, this is where He sees the visions of God.

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So I wanna come back to that because we wanna, we wanna ask ourselves as we also get to see what Ezekiel saw as he explains it to us.

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We wanna ask ourselves, why, why is God showing his glory to Ezekiel in Babylon?

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And, and we're gonna get the answer in chapter two.

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But let's just pose the question why?

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Now, why do I say the 30th year is most likely the year that Ezekiel turned that that he is 30.

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That, that's the year.

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If you see here in numbers four in the Torah, that's the year that men were considered mature and able to enter the priesthood.

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So here you see first two of chapter four, take the son of the sons of Koha, among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers, from 30 years old and upward, even until 50 years old, all that enter into the host to do the work in the Tabernacle of the congregation.

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So it's just sort of understood that at 30 you're mature enough to now facilitate the worship of the Holy God.

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And so in he was in his 30th year as a priest.

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And we'll see shortly here in verse two, actually, in verse three, that he was in fact a priest.

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But here in verse two, it says in the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of Jeakins captivity.

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So the king has now been a slave for, for five years, but we'll go to Nebuchadnezzar to see what, what's he talking about?

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What happened.

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So in second Kings chapter 24 verse 11, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came against the city that's Jerusalem and his servants did besiege it.

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And Jehoash, the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his princes and his officers and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign and he carried so it is the eighth year of his reign.

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So this is where I can't see his, the 30th year of his reign.

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It's the eighth year of his reign that this happened.

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But it makes sense that Ezekiel himself was 30.

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He says, no, he says now he carried it out from there, all the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house that this is just devastating that this was the, the umbilical cord to heaven and it was to rule the whole earth.

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And these were the people of God, but they violated the covenant.

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And this is what happened and the treasures of the king's house and cut in pieces, all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord.

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So you can imagine when temp Solomon established the temple, there was this sense of permanence.

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This is established.

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Now, you know, God has a house on earth and the people of God are established and all the nations are coming to Judah to learn about this great God that you would never in a million years think.

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Yeah, just around the corner.

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This whole thing is gonna be destroyed by a pagan power.

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And just as we now with the West and what we have built in the West, we can't imagine nations weaker than us taking us captive.

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He says, as the, as the Lord had said that this, he was following the Lord and he carried away all Jerusalem and all the princes and all the mighty men of valor, even 10,000 captives and all the craftsmen and smiths, none remained except the poorest sort of the people of the land.

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So he didn't actually take away everybody.

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There was still a a population of Judah that remained, but he didn't care about those people.

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They were not talented, they were not skilled.

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He's looking to build up his empire.

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So he's taking the best, the best of the best and leaving everybody else.

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So that's the context of this invasion by Nebuchadnezzar back to Ezekiel verse three, the word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel, the priest.

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And again, we have to ask why, why was it so urgent for God to reveal himself to Ezekiel and to, to recruit him into this ministry of prophecy and to show his glory to him and give him expressly without any shadow of doubt, his word.

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We'll find out the word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel, the priest.

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He was part of the Kokin.

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He was a Kochen, he was a priest as cause Buz Buz or Buzi was a priest.

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He's the son of Buzi in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Khabar.

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This is, this is really strange that God is speaking.

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He's making his presence known in Filthy Babylon when he's always been associated with Jerusalem with by the river Kar and the hand of the Lord was there upon him and I looked and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud and a fire unfolding itself.

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I, I think some of us may have seen even in movies, these massive fires and, and how they do unfold upon themselves and the brightness was about it and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire, also, out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures.

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And this was their appearance.

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They had the like of these are four angels.

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They had the likeness of a man.

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They actually looked human and everyone kind of, everyone had four faces and everyone had four wings.

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You know, we're hearing a lot about UFO S this, you know, we're gonna get some unidentified flying objects as we get closer to Christ's return and, and the men of the earth are going to fight against the glory of God.

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But here Ezekiel is seeing the glory of God and, and everything that entails the glory of God and their feet were straight feet and the soul of their feet was like the soul of a calf's foot.

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He's explaining to us what he saw and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass and they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides, which is really significant because these had, were made in the image of God and God has hands because he's a creator.

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He, he designs and fashions things with his hands.

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There's things that we can do as humans, that no animal on the planet can do because they do not have hands like us between.

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And I think when they do a map of the brain, I don't, I'll just throw out a number.

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It's not the actual number, but 80% of the brain's attention is connected with our hands and our and our eyes, it's to do it.

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So these are working beings.

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They do things and they manipulate things in, in with, with detail because they have the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides and they had four, had their faces and their wings, their wings were joined one to another and they didn't turn when they went, they went everyone straightforward and, and you get the sense here of moving with a real sense of purpose.

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There's no dilly dally, there's no lollygagging.

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There's no circuitous routes.

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They just move straight ahead and, and when they moved from Jerusalem to Babylon, it was like the most direct route.

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This is urgent.

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The glory of the Lord is leaving Jerusalem.

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It's coming to Ezekiel in Babylon.

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As for the likeness of their faces, they forehead, the face of a man.

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So there's something about them that's very humanlike, but not entirely because they also had the face of a lion, the the king of the jungle on the right side and they forehead the face of an ox on the left side.

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The sort of working animal the ox is, is, is really how we get work done.

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And they four also had the face of an eagle.

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And you think of the flight of an eagle and the piercing the eyesight of an eagle can spot and see everything.

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So they, they have these attributes that enable them to function at a very, very, very high level.

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And they're associated with the throne of God when he travels, thus, were their faces and their wings were stretched upward.

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So this is what their faces looked like and their wings were stretched upward, two wings of one were joined one to another.

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So they're in complete harmony and two covered their bodies and they went, everyone straightforward where the spirit was to go.

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They went and they turn not when they went, they're just purposeful and they can go in any direction and they move with this real sense of higher purpose.

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As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire and like the appearance of lamps.

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So they're glorious.

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It went up and down among the living creatures and the fire was bright and out of the fire went forth lightning.

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So this is quite a spectacle.

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And it's amazing that we don't understand this God that we worship, that we come into his presence, holy time every Sabbath and we just, hey, I'll just come jeans and a T shirt.

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I'll just kind of roll out of bed and come before this God.

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I don't think Ezekiel would just roll out of bed and, and just come before this God.

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I think it's helpful for us to read this, to get a sense of who is it.

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We are worshiping and the glory that surrounds Him.

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So this is just, these are just the living creatures that, that, that provide this chariot of movement for Him.

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Who is it?

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We're coming before every Sabbath day.

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And do we understand the glory of His presence?

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And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning so they can move?

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No, I mentioned earlier that the, the all this talk about UFO S it's coming, this, this glory of the Lord is coming.

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And here we see in revelation 16, that God from heaven is gonna execute his wrath on the earth.

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And this, this fourth angel when he pours out his vial upon the sun, power was given him to scorch men with fire.

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And how do they react to this encounter with the heavenly?

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And men were scorched with great heat and blasphemed the name of God.

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This is the evil that we are dealing with.

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So just as the glory of the Lord appeared to Ezekiel.

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The, we're, we're waiting for the glory of the Lord to appear for us.

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And when it does, when, when, when these angels begin to make the, the heavenly presence known the evil on the earth, it's, it's, it's going to be epic.

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It's going to exceed the days of Noah.

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And this is how these men that surround us, these men that are making policy decisions for us.

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This is how they're going to react to the glory of God.

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They blaspheme to the name of God which has power over these plagues, but he he could stop these plagues, but they repented not to give him glory.

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So we have to be careful if we are in this sort of mode where we really don't care about God's glory and we really don't care to bring respect to his name.

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We can.

27:03

Satan is as an all out war against mankind and he's very deceptive and very big island and we need to lock ourselves in to honoring the glory of God so that we can never be pulled away.

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But if we're kind of casual about God, will our anchor hold Ezekiel one.

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And verse 15, no, as I beheld these living creatures behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures with his four faces, the appearance of the wheels and their work was like the color of a barrel and they forehead one likeness and their appearance and their work as it was, as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel, he's just trying to process all of this.

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And when they went, they went upon their four sides and they turned not when they went.

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So again, this real sense of moving with purpose and no deviation as for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful and their rings were full of eyes round about them.

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Four, I think this is referring to the wheels and when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them.

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And when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up wherever the spirit was to go, they went, there was their spirit to go.

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There was their spirit to go and the wheels were lifted up over against them.

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For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

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So he's just fascinated by all this trying to digest it and now trying to communicate it to us.

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When those went, these went.

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So the wheels and the beings are connected.

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And when those stood, these stood and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them.

28:57

For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

29:02

And you know, as we're talking about the spirit here, it just sort of dawned on me today.

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I was just thinking about the, the, the work of the Holy spirit.

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And we know that, you know, the the pagan Christian world wants to say the spirit is God and there is the father of the Son and the Holy Spirit and the spirit of God in this Trinity and all of this stuff, we understand that the spirit is the energy with which God executes his work.

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It's, it's the power of God.

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It, it dawned on me today that the devil, the equivalent of the Holy Spirit for the devil is technology.

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All of this technology that we see being built and technology enables more technology.

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And there's going to be great power that can be executed through technology and great imitation of God through technology.

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So, so I think we, as we see how technology is enabling so much and will enable even more in the next few years, Satan is going to use it as, as his spirit as as to to to imitate what the spirit of God can do.

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So I just just thought about that today and I think we'll see more of that as this technology is unleashed upon the earth, that is going to act as the power of the devil in miraculous ways.

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But here we see these, the spirit moving among the living creatures and the likeness of the heavens upon the heads of the living creature was as the color of the terrible crystal stretched

forth over their heads above and under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other.

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Everyone had two which covered on this side and everyone had two which covered on that side.

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Their bodies, I think there's some art out there that people try to capture.

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What is it that Ezekiel saw?

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You might be able to Google that.

31:02

And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters as if you're hearing, like, say say AAA waterfall as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech as the noise of a host.

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When they stood, they let down their wings.

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This is, is quite a glorious vision.

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And there was a voice from the Firmament that was over their heads when they stood and had let down their wings and above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne.

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So now he's seeing above all of this, the throne of God as the appearance of a sapphire stone and upon the lightness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

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And we really, you know, we're saying it looks like a man, but really it's like, wow, we are really made in God's image and likeness because he's seeing he's seeing God on his throne and realizing we look like him.

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And I saw the color of amber as the appearance of fire round about.

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Let me just make sure that I am coming through here.

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I think so.

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, just give me one moment here.

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Ok.

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I think I may have froze there, but I just, I, I'll, I'll keep going for the recording's sake.

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I think that the recording will be fine.

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, let me just refresh here and see what's happening.

33:02

Yeah, I think there's something we have, we have some bad weather here.

33:05

I'll just, type in the chat.

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Ok.

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So I'll just, finish up here, maybe chapter one and then we'll pick up I I in the future.

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He says here that he saw the color as of amber and the appearance of fire about within it, the appearance of his loins even upward and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire and it had brightness round about as the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain.

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So he saw this, it looks like a rainbow.

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So was the appearance of the brightness round about.

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This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

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He's, he's seeing the glory of the Lord, which again should be associated with the temple in Jerusalem temple in Jerusalem has been destroyed.

34:12

Now, the glory of the Lord has come to Babylon and it's come to Ezekiel.

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And when he, when he takes all of this in, he says, and when I saw it, I fell upon my face and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

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And so I'm, what I'm gonna do is gonna stop there just because I know there's a bit of a problem with the internet tonight.

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But this is how the book of Ezekiel, the scroll of Ezekiel begins, it begins with God appearing and presenting his glory.

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It I in a very intense way to Ezekiel.

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And so the question we want to ask at the end of this study is why, why would there be this very purposeful traveling from Jerusalem to Babylon?

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Why would God present himself in Babylon when He's holy and glorious?

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And, and why was it so critical to Him to speak to Ezekiel?

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These are the questions we wanna ask when we pick up our study on the book of Ezekiel, God willing next week and God willing, you'll be able to join us on Sabbath.

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I'll be pre presenting the sermon and that is this Sabbath at 1:30 p.m. eastern time, Jesus is glorious.

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Jesus is Lord God bless you.

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God willing will see you on Sabbath.