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EZEKIEL 6-7

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Isaiah 52:13-53:12 TKT

Is. 52:13 Behold, my servant Shall prosper, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

Is. 52:14 Just as many were astonished at thee; saying, Surely his visage is too marred to be that of a man, and His form to be that of the sons of men:

Is. 52:15 So shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths: for that which had not been told them shall they see; that which they had not heard shall they perceive.

Is. 53:1 Who would have believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Is. 53:2 For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he had no form nor comeliness that we should look at him, and no countenance, that we should desire him.

Is. 53:3 He was despised and rejected of men; a man of pains, and acquainted with sickness: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Is. 53:4 But in truth he has borne our sicknesses and endured our pains; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Is. 53:5 But he was wounded because of our transgressions, bruised because of our iniquities: his sufferings were that we might have peace, and by his injury we are healed.

Is. 53:6 All we like sheep gone astray; we have tuned every one to his own way; and the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall upon him.

Is. 53:7 He was oppressed, but he humbled himself and opened not his mouth: as a lamb, which is brought to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he did not open his mouth.

Is. 53:8 By oppression and false judgment was he taken away; and of his generation who considered? For he was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of the people to whom the stroke was due.

Is. 53:9 For they made his grave among the wicked, and his tomb among the rich; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Is. 53:10 But it pleased the Lord to crush him by disease: if his soul shall consider it a recompense for guilt, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the purpose of the Lord Shall prosper in his hand.

Is. 53:11 He shall see the travail of his soul, he Shall he sated with seeing: by his knowledge did my servant justify the righteous One to the many, and did bear their iniquities.

Is. 53:12 Surely I will give him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with transgressors; but he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Jews and the Glory

Romans 9-11 are God's revelation to the Church (*Ekklēsia*) of Israel, the Jews, and God's plan for them. These chapters are a book within a book. It begins with Paul's intercession.

Romans 9:1-5 KJV

Rom. 9:1 ¶ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

Rom. 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

Rom. 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

Rom. 9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;

Rom. 9:5 Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

I believe this is Paul's intercessory prayer on behalf of his "brethren," his "kinsmen according to the flesh," the Jews.

Romans 11:25-27 KJV

Rom. 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom. 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Rom. 11:27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Romans 9:1-5 AMPC

Rom. 9:1 I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me

Rom. 9:2 That I have bitter grief and incessant anguish in my heart.

Rom. 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed *and* cut off *and* banished from Christ for the sake of my brethren *and* instead of them, my natural kinsmen *and* my fellow countrymen.

Rom. 9:4 For they are Israelites, and to them belong God's adoption [as a nation] and the glorious Presence (Shekinah). With them were the special covenants made, to them was the Law given. To them [the temple] worship was revealed and [God's own] promises announced.

Rom. 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and as far as His natural descent was concerned, from them is the Christ, Who is exalted *and* supreme over all, God, blessed forever! Amen (so let it be).

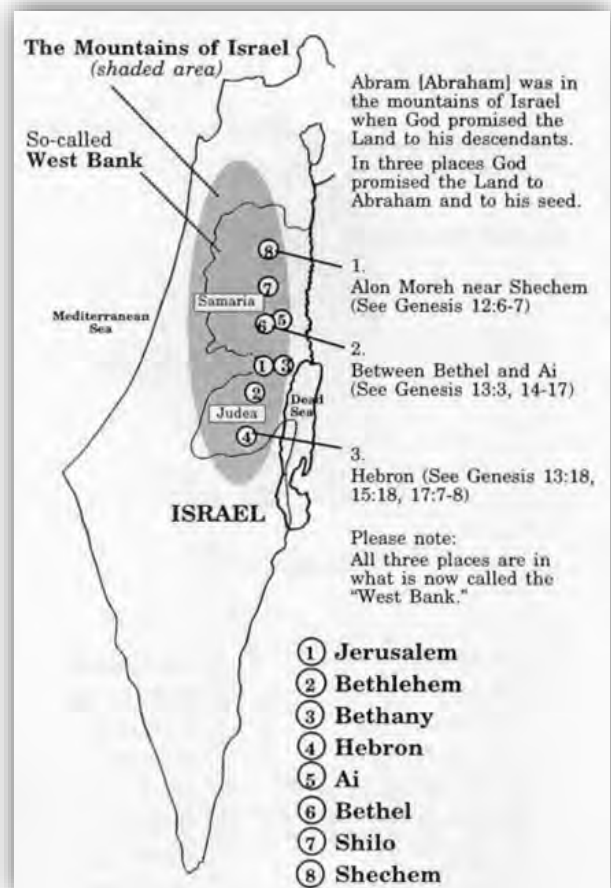
Ezekiel 6

Judgments for Idolatry

Ezekiel 6:1-2 יְחִזְקָאֵל JPS 1917

א וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה, אֵלַי 1 And the **word of the LORD** came unto me, saying:
לֵאמֹר.

ב בֶּן-אָדָם, שִׁים פָּנֶיךָ אֶל-הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וְהִנַּבְתָּ, אֲלֵיהֶם. 2 **Son of man**, set thy face toward the **mountains of Israel**, and prophesy against them,



The Mountains of Israel correspond to what the world calls the West Bank. Many of the key historical sites in Israel are located in the mountains. These included

Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Hebron, Ai, Bethel, Shilo, and Shechem. (See Map M7.)

Just like he used Jeremiah, the LORD would use the prophet Ezekiel "to destroy and to overthrow" and "to build and to plant."

Jeremiah 1:9-10 ESV

Jer. 1:9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

Jer. 1:10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Here, as recorded in these chapters, God's words through the mouth of His prophet, Ezekiel, would bring forth destruction and the Scattering.

In Ezekiel Chapter 36, God's words through the prophet's mouth will bring forth the restoration of the mountains of Israel and the Ingathering of God's people Israel.

Ezekiel 36:1, 8-10 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

א 1 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say: Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

ח 8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people Israel; for they are at hand to come.

ט 9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown;

י 10 and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded;

This "shooting forth" is the sign Jesus said to watch for to know when He will return to set up His earthly, visible kingdom.

Luke 21:29-33 KJV

Luke 21:29 ¶ And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

Luke 21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Luke 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Luke 21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

The Mountains of Israel

The Topography of Israel includes three distinct regions.

1. The Coastal Plain: A plain running north and south, adjacent to The Great Sea (The Mediterranean).
2. The Mountains of Israel: A ridge of mountains running north and south through the center. The Mountains of Israel include what the world calls "The West Bank." More about this later.
3. The Jordan River Valley

Idolatry**Ezekiel 6:3-4 יְהוֹקָאֵל JPS 1917**

3 and say: Ye **mountains of Israel**, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the mountains and concerning the hills, concerning the ravines and concerning the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. **בְּמוֹתֵיכֶם.**

4 And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

Desolation

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6 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be hewn down, and your works may be blotted out.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

14 And I will stretch out My hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, more than the wilderness of Diblah, throughout all their habitations; and they shall know that I am the LORD.' {P}

They should have remembered the conditions of the Mosaic Covenant.

Leviticus 26:27-35 ESV

Lev. 26:27 ¶ “But if in spite of this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me,

Lev. 26:28 then I will walk contrary to you in fury, and I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins.

Lev. 26:29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.

Lev. 26:30 And I will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you.

Lev. 26:31 And I will lay your cities waste and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your pleasing aromas.

Lev. 26:32 And I myself will devastate the land, so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled at it.

Lev. 26:33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

Lev. 26:34 ¶ “Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths as long as it lies desolate, while you are in your enemies’ land; then the land shall rest, and enjoy its Sabbaths.

Lev. 26:35 As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, the rest that it did not have on your Sabbaths when you were dwelling in it.

The length of the Babylonian captivity was determined by the number of years they did not allow the land to "enjoy its Sabbaths."

The Remnant: The Diaspora (The Scattering)

Ezekiel 6:8, 10 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

God of Purpose

10 And they shall know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them. {P}

Ezekiel 7

This chapter give us further details of the judgment and destruction that would befall Israel. It ends with a phrase often-used in this book: And they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 7:27 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with appalment, and the hands of the people of the land shall be enfeebled; I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD. {P}

God is a God of purpose and everything He does is for His purposes and for ultimate good, even judgments.

After the Babylonian judgment, Israel never again went after idols as a nation.

Isaiah 1:27 KJV Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Isaiah 26:9 KJV With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

HEBREW VOCABULARY

דְּבַר-יְהוָה	<i>d'var Yehovah</i>	word of the Yehovah
יְהוָה	<i>Yehovah</i>	
הַרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>har(ay) Yisra'el</i>	mountains of Israel

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EZEKIEL 8-11

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Ezekiel 8

Ezekiel 8:1-4 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

א וַיְהִי בַשָּׁנָה הַשְּׁשִׁית, בַּשָּׁשִׁי 1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that **the hand of the Lord GOD** fell there upon me.

ב וַאֲרָאָהּ, וְהִנֵּה דְמוּת 2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of **electrum**.

ג וַיִּשְׁלַח תְּבִנִית יָד, וַיִּקְחֵנִי 3 And the form of a hand was put forth, and I was taken by a lock of my head; and a **spirit** lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to **Jerusalem**, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

ד וְהִנֵּה-שָׁם--כְּבוֹד, אֱלֹהֵי 4 And, behold, **the glory of the God of Israel** was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

In a prophetic vision, Yechezkel is transported to Jerusalem.

For six more years, the doomed city would struggle on under the illusion of its indestructability. But, unbeknown to its inhabitants, the preparations for the end were already under way.

Even within the confines of the Bais HaMikdash [The Temple], the cankerous lust for idol worship was eroding the last vestiges of holiness. ... stage by stage the *Shechinah* was withdrawing from Its resting place.¹⁹

Once again, the prophet sees the Glory of God in a *Merkavah* vision.

Verses 8 through 18 are an account of the abominations in the Holy Temple itself, which this prophet supernaturally witnessed and which brought on the Lord's judgments.

Ezekiel Chapter 8:8-18 יְחִזְקִאל JPS 1917

ח וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי, בֶּן-אָדָם חַתֹּר-נָא
בְּקִיר; וְאַחֲתֹר בְּקִיר, וְהִנֵּה פֶתַח אֶחָד.
{ס} **8** Then said He unto me: 'Son of man, dig now in the wall'; and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. {S}

ט וַיֹּאמֶר, אֵלַי: בֵּא וּרְאֵה אֶת-
הַתּוֹעֲבוֹת הַרְעוֹת, אֲשֶׁר הֵם עֹשִׂים
פֹּה. **9** And He said unto me: 'Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here.'

י וָאָבֹא, וָאֶרְאֵה, וְהִנֵּה כָל-תְּבֻנֹת
רֶמֶשׂ וּבְהֵמָה שֹׁקֵץ, וְכָל-גִּלּוּלֵי בַּיִת
יִשְׂרָאֵל--מִחֻקָּה עַל-הַקִּיר, סָבִיב
סָבִיב. **10** So I went in and saw; and behold every detestable form of creeping things and beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.

יא וְשִׁבְעִים אִישׁ מִזִּקְנֵי בֵּית-יִשְׂרָאֵל
וַיֹּאזְנִיחוּ בֵּן-שָׁפָן עֹמֵד בְּתוֹכָם, עֹמְדִים
לִפְנֵיהֶם, וְאִישׁ מִקְטָרְתּוֹ, בְּיָדוֹ; וַעֲתֹר
עֲנַן-הַקְטָרֶת, עָלָה. **11** And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, every man with his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

¹⁹ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 152.

יב וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי, הֲרָאִיתָ בֶּן-אָדָם, אֲשֶׁר
זָכְנִי בֵּית-יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲשִׂים בַּחֹשֶׁךְ, אִישׁ
בְּחִדְרֵי מִשְׁכֵּיתוֹ: כִּי אָמְרִים, אֵין
יְהוָה רֹאֶה אֶתָּנוּ--עֶזְבַּ יְהוָה, אֶת-
הָאָרֶץ.
12 Then said He unto me: 'Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say: The LORD seeth us not, the LORD hath forsaken the land.'

יג וַיֹּאמֶר, אֵלַי: עוֹד תָּשׁוּב תִּרְאֶה
תּוֹעֵבוֹת גְּדֹלוֹת, אֲשֶׁר-הֵמָּה עֲשִׂים.
13 He said also unto me: 'Thou shalt again see yet greater abominations which they do.'

יד וַיָּבֵא אֹתִי, אֶל-פֶּתַח שַׁעַר בֵּית-
יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר, אֶל-הַצִּפּוֹנָה; וְהִנֵּה-שָׁם
הַנָּשִׁים יֹשְׁבוֹת, מִבְּכוֹת אֶת-הַתַּמּוּז.
{ס}
14 Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat the women weeping for Tammuz. {S}

טו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי, הֲרָאִיתָ בֶּן-אָדָם; עוֹד
תָּשׁוּב תִּרְאֶה תּוֹעֵבוֹת, גְּדֹלוֹת מֵאֵלֶּה.
15 Then said He unto me: 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet greater abominations than these.'

טז וַיָּבֵא אֹתִי, אֶל-חֲצַר בֵּית-יְהוָה
הַפְּנִימִית, וְהִנֵּה-פֶתַח הַיֵּכָל יְהוָה בֵּין
הָאוֹלָם וּבֵין הַמִּזְבֵּחַ, כַּעֲשָׂרִים וַחֲמִשָּׁה
אִישׁ; אַחֲרֵיהֶם אֶל-הַיֵּכָל יְהוָה,
וּפְנֵיהֶם קִדְמָה, וְהֵמָּה מִשְׁתַּחֲוִיִּתִם
קִדְמָה, לַשֶּׁמֶשׁ.
16 And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

יז וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי, הֲרָאִיתָ בֶּן-אָדָם--
הַנִּקְלָ לְבֵית יְהוּדָה, מַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת-
הַתּוֹעֵבוֹת אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ-כָּה: כִּי-מָלְאוּ
אֶת-הָאָרֶץ חָמָס, וַיָּשְׁבוּ לְהַכְעִיסֵנִי,
וְהֵנָּם שֹׁלְחִים אֶת-הַזְּמוּרָה, אֶל-אַפָּם.
17 Then He said unto me: 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here in that they fill the land with violence, and provoke Me still more, and, lo, they put the branch to their nose?'

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury;
 Mine eye shall not spare, neither will
 I have pity; and though they cry in
 Mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I
 not hear them.'

Ezekiel 9

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- א וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנִי, קוֹל גָּדוֹל
 לֵאמֹר, קָרְבוּ, פְּקֻדוֹת הָעִיר;
 וְאִישׁ כָּלִי מִשְׁחָתוֹ, בְּיָדוֹ.
- ב וְהִנֵּה שֵׁשָׁה אַנְשִׁים בָּאִים
 מִדֶּרֶךְ-שַׁעַר הָעֲלִיּוֹן אֲשֶׁר מִפְּנֵה
 צָפוֹנָה, וְאִישׁ כָּלִי מִפָּצוֹ בְּיָדוֹ,
 וְאִישׁ-אַחֵד בְּתוֹכָם לְבָשׁ בְּדִים,
 וְקֶסֶת הַסֹּפֵר בְּמִתְנָיו; וַיָּבֹאוּ,
 וַיַּעֲמֻדוּ, אֵצֶל, מִזְבַּח הַנְּחֹשֶׁת.
- ג וְכְבוֹד אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, נִעְלָה
 מֵעַל הַכְּרוּב אֲשֶׁר הָיָה עָלָיו,
 אֶל, מַפְתֵּן הַבַּיִת; וַיִּקְרָא, אֶל-
 הָאִישׁ הַלְּבָשׁ הַבְּדִים, אֲשֶׁר
 קֶסֶת הַסֹּפֵר, בְּמִתְנָיו. {פ}
- ד וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אֵלָיו, עֲבֹר
 בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר, בְּתוֹךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם;
 וְהִתְוִיֵּת תָּו עַל-מִצְחֹת הָאֲנָשִׁים,
 הַנִּנְאָנִים וְהַנִּנְאָקִים, עַל כָּל-
 הַתּוֹעֵבוֹת, הַנַּעֲשׂוֹת בְּתוֹכָהּ.
- 1 Then he called in mine ears with a loud
 voice, saying: 'Cause ye them that have
 charge over the city to draw near, every man
 with his destroying weapon in his hand.'
- 2 And, behold, six men came from the way of
 the upper gate, which lieth toward the north,
 every man with his weapon of destruction in
 his hand; and one man in the midst of them
 clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn on
 his side. And they went in, and stood beside
 the brazen altar.
- 3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone
 up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the
 threshold of the house; and He called to the
 man clothed in linen, who had the writer's
 inkhorn on his side.
- 4 And the LORD said unto him: 'Go through
 the midst of the city, through the midst of
 Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the
 foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry
 for all the abominations that are done in the
 midst thereof.'

God orders heavenly beings to mark the foreheads of those loyal to Him and to carry out judgment on those who committed the abominations.

Men are marked in their foreheads to be saved or to be destroyed.

Judgment begins at the house of the Lord.

God will mark the 144,000 in their foreheads (Revelation 14:1). The satanic mark of the beast is in the foreheads and right hands (Revelation 13:16-17).

Ezekiel Chapter 9:5-6, 11 JPS 1917

5 And to the others He said in my hearing: 'Go ye through the city after him, and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; תַּחַס עֵינֵיכֶם (עֵינֵיכֶם), וְאַל-תַּחֲמֹלוּ.

6 slay utterly the old man, the young man and the maiden, and little children and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.' Then they began at the elders that were before the house....

11 And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn on his side, reported, saying: 'I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.'

Brim Note:

Concerning the Ezekiel Tablets: The twelfth tablet, comprised of black basalt, begins with Ezekiel 9:7 and ends with 10:9.

The Tablets are of two different materials: light marble and black basalt. Perhaps black was chosen for this passage because the abominations are written upon them. This is my own opinion.

Ezekiel 10

Ezekiel Chapter 10:1-22 JPS 1917

1 Then I looked, and, behold, upon the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim, there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

- 2 And He spoke unto the man clothed in linen, and said: 'Go in between the wheelwork, even under the cherub, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and dash them against the city.' And he went in in my sight.
- 3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.
- 4 And the glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub to the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.
- 5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when He speaketh.
- 6 And it came to pass, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying: 'Take fire from between the wheelwork, from between the cherubim', that he went in, and stood beside a wheel.
- 7 And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out.
- 8 And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.
- ב וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-הָאִישׁ לְבַשׁ הַבְּדִים, וַיֹּאמֶר בֹּא אֶל-בֵּינֹת הַלְּלָנִי אֶל-תַּחַת לְכְרוּבִים וּמִלֵּא חֲפְנֶיךָ גִּחְלֵי-אֵשׁ מִבֵּינֹת לְכָרֻבִים, וְזָרְקָה, עַל-הָעִיר; וַיָּבֹא, לְעֵינַי.
- ג וְהַכָּרֻבִים, עֲמָדִים מִיְמִין לְבַיִת--בָּבֹאוּ הָאִישׁ; וְהִעָנָן מִלֵּא, אֶת-הַחֲצָר הַפְּנִימִית.
- ד וַיָּרֶם כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה מֵעַל הַכְּרוּב, עַל מַפְתָּן הַבַּיִת; וַיִּמָּלֵא הַבַּיִת, אֶת-הָעָנָן, וְהַחֲצָר מְלֵאָה, אֶת-נֹגַהּ כְּבוֹד יְהוָה.
- ה וְקוֹל, כְּנָפֵי הַכְּרוּבִים--נִשְׁמָע, עַד-הַחֲצָר הַחִיצוֹנָה; כְּקוֹל אֵל-שָׁדַי, בֹּדְבָרוֹ.
- ו וַיְהִי, בְּצִוּתוֹ אֶת-הָאִישׁ לְבַשׁ הַבְּדִים לֵאמֹר, קַח אֵשׁ מִבֵּינֹת הַלְּלָנִי, מִבֵּינֹת לְכְרוּבִים; וַיָּבֹא, וַיַּעֲמֵד, אֶצְלָה, הָאוֹפֶן.
- ז וַיִּשְׁלַח הַכְּרוּב אֶת-יָדוֹ מִבֵּינֹת לְכְרוּבִים, אֶל-הָאֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר בֵּינֹת הַכָּרֻבִים, וַיִּשָּׂא וַיִּתֵּן, אֶל-חֲפְנֵי לְבַשׁ הַבְּדִים; וַיֵּקָח, וַיֵּצֵא.
- ח וַיֵּרָא, לְכָרֻבִים--תְּבִנִית, יָד-אָדָם, תַּחַת, כְּנָפֵיהֶם.

ט וַאֲרָאָהָ, וַהֲנִיָּה אַרְבַּעָה 9 And I looked, and behold four **wheels** beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.
אֶחָד אֶצֶל הַכְּרוּבִים אֶחָד, וְאֶחָד אֶצֶל הַכְּרוּבִים אֶחָד;
וּמִרְאֵהָ, הָאוֹפָנִים, כְּעֵין, אֶבֶן תִּרְשִׁישׁ.

י וּמִרְאֵיהֶם--דְּמוּת אֶחָד, 10 And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a **wheel** had been within a **wheel**.
לְאַרְבַּעָתָם: כַּאֲשֶׁר יְהִיָּה הָאוֹפֵן, בְּתוֹךְ הָאוֹפֵן.

יא בָּלְכָתָם, אֶל-אַרְבַּעַת רַבְעֵיהֶם יֵלְכוּ--לֹא יִסְבוּ, 11 When they went, they went toward their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.
בָּלְכָתָם: כִּי הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר-יִפְּנֶה הָרֹאשׁ, אַחֲרָיו יֵלְכוּ--לֹא יִסְבוּ, בָּלְכָתָם.

יב וְכָל-בְּשָׂרָם, וְגִבָּהֶם, וַיְדִיָּהֶם, וְכַנְפֵיהֶם--וְהָאוֹפָנִים, 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the **wheels** were full of eyes round about, even the **wheels** that they four had.
מְלֵאִים עֵינִים סָבִיב, לְאַרְבַּעָתָם, אוֹפְנֵיהֶם.

יג לְאוֹפָנִים--לָהֶם קוֹרָא הַגִּלְגָּל, בְּאָזְנִי. 13 As for the **wheels**, they were called in my hearing the wheelwork.

יד וְאֵת אַרְבַּעַת פָּנִים, לְאֶחָד: פָּנֵי הָאֶחָד פָּנֵי הַכְּרוּב, וּפָנֵי הַשֵּׁנִי פָּנֵי אָדָם, וְהַשְּׁלִישִׁי פָּנֵי אַרְיֵה, וְהָרְבִיעִי פָּנֵי-נֶשֶׁר. 14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the **cherub**, and the second face was the face of a **man**, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

טו וַיֵּרָמוּ, הַכְּרוּבִים--הִיא הַחַיָּה, אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתִי בְּנַחֲר-כְּבָר. 15 And the **cherubim** mounted up--this is the **living creature** that I saw by the river Chebar.

טז וּבְלָכְתָּ, הַכְּרוּבִים, יֵלְכוּ הָאוֹפָנִים, אֶצְלָם; וּבְשָׂאתָ 16 And when the **cherubim** went, the **wheels** went beside them; and when the

הַכְּרוּבִּים אֶת-כַּנְפֵיהֶם, לָרוֹם
 מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ, לֹא-יִסְבּוּ הָאוֹפָנִים
 נִם-הֵם, מֵאַצְלָם.

cherubim lifted up their wings to mount
 up from the earth, the same **wheels** also
 turned not from beside them.

יִזְ בְּעֶמְדָם יַעֲמֶדּוּ, וּבְרוֹמָם
 יִרָמוּ אוֹתָם: כִּי רוּחַ תְּחִיָּה,
 בָּהֶם.

17 When they stood, these stood, and
 when they mounted up, these mounted
 up with them; for the **spirit** of the **living**
creature was in them.

יָח וַיֵּצֵא כְבוֹד יְהוָה, מֵעַל
 מִפְתָּן הַבַּיִת; וַיַּעֲמֵד, עַל-
 הַכְּרוּבִּים.

18 And the **glory of the LORD** went forth
 from off the threshold of the house, and
 stood over the **cherubim**.

יֵט וַיִּשְׂאוּ הַכְּרוּבִּים אֶת-
 כַּנְפֵיהֶם וַיִּרָמוּ מִן-הָאָרֶץ
 לְעֵינַי, בְּצֵאתָם, וְהָאוֹפָנִים,
 לָעֲמָתָם; וַיַּעֲמֵד, פֶּתַח שַׁעַר
 בֵּית-יְהוָה הַקֶּדְמוֹנִי, וְכְבוֹד
 אֱלֹהֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל עָלֵיהֶם,
 מִלְּמַעְלָה.

19 And the **cherubim** lifted up their
 wings, and mounted up from the earth in
 my sight when they went forth, and the
 wheels beside them; and they stood at
 the door of the east gate of the LORD'S
 house; and **the glory of the God of Israel**
 was over them above.

כּ הִיא תְּחִיָּה, אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתִי
 תַּחַת אֱלֹהֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל--בְּנֶהֱר-
 כְּבָר; וָאֵדַע, כִּי כְּרוּבִּים הֵמָּה.

20 This is the **living creature** that I saw
 under the **God of Israel** by the river
 Chebar; and I knew that they were
cherubim.

כָּא אַרְבַּעַת אַרְבַּעַת פָּנִים
 לְאֶחָד, וְאַרְבַּע כַּנְפִּים לְאֶחָד;
 וְדְמוּת יְדֵי אָדָם, תַּחַת
 כַּנְפֵיהֶם.

21 Every one had four faces apiece, and
 every one four wings; and the likeness of
 the hands of a **man** was under their
 wings.

כָּב וְדְמוּת פָּנֵיהֶם--הֵמָּה
 הַפָּנִים אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתִי עַל-נֶהֱר-
 כְּבָר, מִרְאִיהֶם וְאוֹתָם; אִישׁ
 אֶל-עֵבֶר פָּנָיו, יֵלְכוּ.

22 And as for the likeness of their faces,
 they were the faces which I saw by the
 river Chebar, their appearances and
 themselves; they went every one straight
 forward.

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3. ... Then the Glory of the God of Israel rose up from the Cheruv.

From upon the lid [of the Ark] where the *Shechinah* had rested up to now; it began a gradual, ten-stage withdrawal from the Temple. This is the first stage [of withdrawal]: from the Cheruv to the threshold of the Holy of Holies (*Rashi*).²⁰

The Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 31a, sections 13-18) details the ten stages of withdrawal.

Here is a link to see the whole passage:

[https://www.sefaria.org/Rosh Hashanah.31a.13?ven=William Davidson Edition - English&vhe=William Davidson Edition - Vocalized Aramaic&lang=bi](https://www.sefaria.org/Rosh_Hashanah.31a.13?ven=William_Davidson_Edition - English&vhe=William_Davidson_Edition - Vocalized_Aramaic&lang=bi)

Brim Note: See Exodus 25:10-22 for the description of the Ark, the Mercy Seat, and the Cherubim. It was the place of the *Shechinah* Presence of God as He dwelt among His people, first in the Tabernacle and then in the Temple. It was the place where God would communicate with His people.

Exodus 25:22 KJV And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

The Chariot (*Merkavah*) accompanies, or even transports, the *Shechinah*.

Ezekiel 11

The fate of the city's inhabitants is sealed.

The future lies with the exiles.

Ezekiel Chapter 11:13 יְחִזְקִאל JPS 1917

13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said: 'Ah Lord GOD! wilt Thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?'

יָגַדְתִּי וַיָּבֹאוּ בְּנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל-פְּנֵי וַיִּזְעַקוּ בְּקוֹל-גָּדוֹל וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִתָּהּ אֵלֹהִים אֲדֹנָיִי יְהוָה--כָּלֵה אֶתְּהָ עֲשֵׂה אֵת שְׂאֲרֵית יִשְׂרָאֵל. {פ}

When the prophet is required to pronounce judgment, Pelatiah falls dead and Ezekiel cries out to God. The Lord answers with the promise of the Ingathering of "all the house of Israel" (verses 15-17) from "out of the countries where [they] have been scattered." This encouraging prophecy looks past the Babylonian scattering, which they were experiencing. It went past all the days of the Jewish diaspora, to the

²⁰ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 172.

future Ingathering at the end of days, which will include the whole House of Israel. (This includes the ten tribes of the northern kingdom as well as the southern kingdom: the House of Judah.) God tells the end from the beginning.

Even in the very midst of the declaration of judgment and destruction, the LORD gives them a Word of prophecy of the Ingathering and of Restoration and Redemption. And notice, He calls them "My people."

Ezekiel Chapter 11:14-20, 22-23 JPS 1917

14 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

15 'Son of man, as for thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them, concerning whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said: Get you far from the LORD! unto us is this land given for a possession; {S}

16 therefore say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Although I have removed them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet have I been to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they are come; {S}

17 therefore say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; וְנָתַתִּי לָהֶם לֵב אֶחָד, וְרוּחַ חַדָּשָׁה אֶתֵּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם; וְהִסְרֹתִי לֵב הָאֲבָן, מִבְּשָׂרָם, וְנָתַתִּי לָהֶם, לֵב בָּשָׂר.

20 that they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be **My people**, and I will be their God. כ לְמַעַן בְּחַקְתִּי יֵלְכוּ, וְאֵת-מִשְׁפָּטַי יִשְׁמְרוּ וַעֲשׂוּ אֹתָם; וְהָיוּ-לִי לְעָם--וְאֲנִי, אֶהְיֶה לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים.

The Shechinah Completes Its Withdrawal from Jerusalem

22 Then did the **cherubim** lift up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. כב וַיִּשָּׂאוּ הַכְּרוּבִים אֶת-כַּנְפֵיהֶם, וְהָאוֹפָנִים לַעֲמָתָם; וַיִּכְבֹּד אֱלֹהֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲלֵיהֶם, מִלְּמַעְלָה.

23 And the **glory of the LORD** went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the **mountain** which is on the east side of the city. כג וַיַּעַל כְּבוֹד יְהוָה, מֵעַל-תוֹךְ הָעִיר; וַיַּעֲמֵד, עַל-הָהָר, אֲשֶׁר, מִקְדָּם לָעִיר.

The mountain on the east side of the city is The Mount of Olives. Consider that the Lord ascended into Heaven from The Mount of Olives. And when He returns to the earth, His feet shall stand on The Mount of Olives (Acts 1:11).

Zechariah 14:3-4 KJV

Zech. 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zech. 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

In Chapters 40, 43, 44 and 48, we shall see the return of the Glory of the Lord to Jerusalem and the Millennial Temple.

Hebrew Vocabulary

יְהוָה	<i>Yehovah</i>	
כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה	<i>kavod Yehovah</i>	Glory of the LORD
יַד אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה	<i>yad adonai Yehovah</i>	Hand of the Lord God
כִּסֵּא	<i>kise (key-say)</i>	throne
חֲשָׁמַל	<i>chashmal</i>	(not definable in English)
רוּחַ	<i>ruach</i>	spirit
יְרוּשָׁלַם	<i>Yerushalayim</i>	Jerusalem
כְּבוֹד אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>kevod Elohei Yisrael</i>	Glory of the God of Israel
בֶּן-אָדָם	<i>ben adam</i>	son of man
חַיּוֹת	<i>chayot</i>	living creatures
כְּרוּבִים	<i>keruvim</i>	cherubim
אֹפָן	<i>ofan</i>	wheel
אֹפָנִים	<i>ofanim</i>	wheels

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