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FROM CHAOS



STORY

TO ORDER



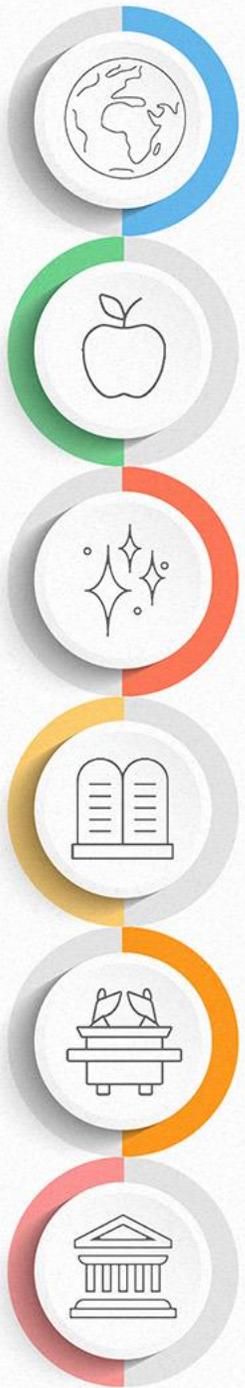




"...while I was among the exiles the Judean exiles beside the Kebar River in Babylon, the heavens were opened and I saw vision of God."

Ezekiel 1:1

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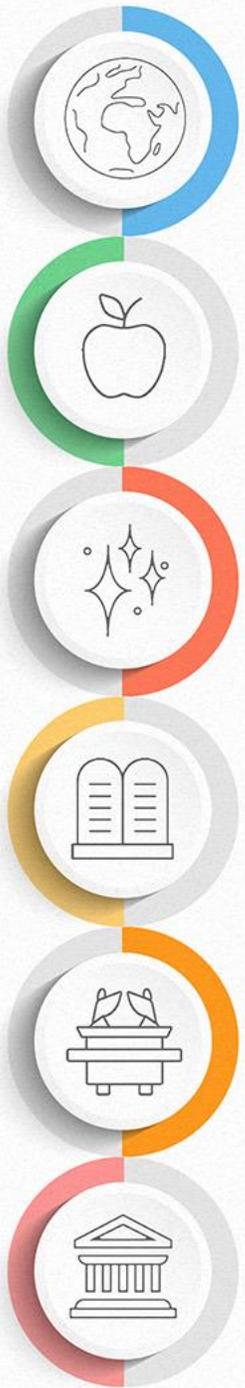




Double Vision: Seeing God (and Ourselves) Correctly

Ezekiel 1, 14

Vision #1: The Beatific Glory (Ezek.1:4–28)







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1. Describing the indescribable

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

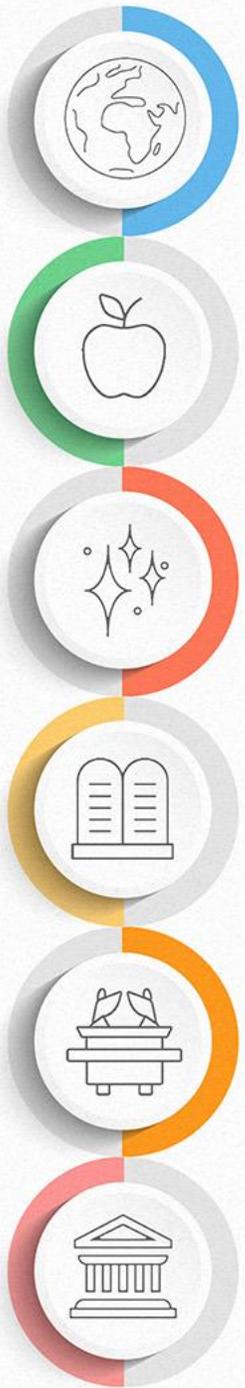
2. God's throne had wheels!

Wherever the Spirit wanted to go, the creatures went in the direction the Spirit was moving. The wheels moved alongside them.

3. Experiencing the Real Thing (or not)

When I saw it, I fell facedown...

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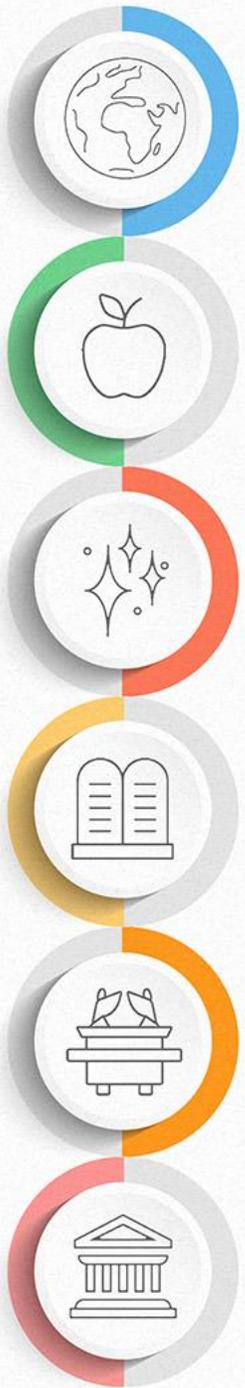




Vision #2: The Betrayed Husband (Ezek. 16)

1. A God who patiently reminisces
"You grew up and became a beautiful jewel...I made a marriage covenant with you," says the Sovereign Lord, "and you became mine."
2. A God whose heart is wounded and becomes jealous
"Yes, you are an adulterous wife who takes in strangers instead of her own husband."
3. A God who remains faithful to his covenant and his people
Now this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "I will give you what you deserve, for you have taken your solemn vows lightly by breaking your covenant. Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you when you were young, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you."

Our Vision of God and implications for today



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