

The Call of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1-3)

St. Raymond's Adult Bible Study
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PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Ezekiel 1:1-2

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605 B.C. – to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, handsome and skilful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to serve in the king's palace

597 B.C. – “Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin captive to Babylon. He also took from Jerusalem to Babylon the king's mother, his wives, his officials and the prominent people of the land.

587 B.C. – Temple of Jerusalem destroyed, “rest of the populace” exiled.

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Gen 7:11, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and **the windows of heaven were opened.**

Matt 3:16, And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, **the heavens were opened** and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him.





Ezekiel 1:3

3 the word of the Lord came to **Ezekiel the priest**, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the **river Chebar**; and the **hand of the Lord** was upon him there.

Ezekiel 1:4-6

4 As I looked, behold, **a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness round about it, and fire flashing forth continually**, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming bronze. **5** And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the form of men, **6 but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings.**

Ezekiel 1:7-9

7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; **and they sparkled like burnished bronze.** **8** Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: **9** their wings touched one another; they went every one straight forward, without turning as they went.

Aquinas on the Resurrected Body

It is written (Matt. 13:43): "**The just shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father,**" and (Wis. 3:7): "**The just shall shine,** and shall run to and fro **like sparks** among the reeds."

I answer that, It is necessary to assert that after the resurrection **the bodies of the saints will be lightsome**, on account of the authority of Scripture which makes this promise...

it is better to say that this clarity will result from the overflow of the **soul's glory into the body**... Wherefore clarity which in the soul is spiritual is received into the body as corporeal.

Revelation 1:14-15

14 The hair of His head was white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like a blazing fire. **15 His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace**, and His voice was like the roar of many waters.

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St. Thomas Aquinas on Hands

Horns and claws, which are the weapons of some animals, and toughness of hide and quantity of hair or feathers... **such things do not suit the nature of man.** Instead of these, he has reason and hands whereby he can make himself arms and clothes, and other necessities of life, of infinite variety. Wherefore the hand is called by Aristotle (De Anima iii, 8), "**the organ of organs.**" Moreover this was more becoming to **the rational nature, which is capable of conceiving an infinite number of things**, so as to make for itself an infinite number of instruments.





Ezekiel 1:10

10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a **man** in front; the four had the face of a **lion** on the right side, the four had the face of an **ox** on the left side, and the four had the face of an **eagle** at the back.

Revelation 4:6-8

And before the throne was something like a **sea of glass, as clear as crystal**. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, covered with eyes in front and back. / The first living creature was like **a lion**, the second like **a calf**, the third had a face like **a man**, and the fourth was like **an eagle** in flight. / And each of the four living creatures had **six wings** and was covered with eyes all around and within. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"



Ezekiel 1:12-14

12 And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. **13** In the midst of the living creatures there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, **like torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.** **14** And the living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning.

Exodus 19:18-19

18 Now when all the people perceived **the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking**, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, **19** and said to Moses, **“You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die.”**

Ezekiel 1:15-16

15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a **wheel** upon the earth beside the living creatures, **one for each of the four of them.** **16** As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of a chrysolite; and the four had the same likeness, their construction being **as it were a wheel within a wheel.**

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Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Rejoice, container of the uncontainable God!

Rejoice, door of solemn mystery!

Rejoice, undoubted boast of the faithful!

Rejoice, all-holy chariot of Him Who rides on the Cherubim!

Rejoice, all-glorious temple of Him Who is above the Seraphim!

Rejoice, thou through whom Paradise is opened!

Rejoice, key to the Kingdom of Christ!

Rejoice, hope of eternal blessings!

Rejoice, unwedded Bride!

Ezekiel 1:22-23

22 Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of a firmament, shining like crystal, spread out above their heads. **23** And under the firmament their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another; and each creature had two wings covering its body.



Ezekiel 1:24-25

24 And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like **the sound of many waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of a host**; when they stood still, they let down their wings. **25** And there came a voice from above the firmament over their heads; when they stood still, they let down their wings.

Revelation 19:6

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, **like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder**, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Acts of the Apostles 9:4-6

4 And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, **why do you persecute me?**" **5** And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;** **6** but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Revelation 21:10-11

10 And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me **the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11** having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.



Ezekiel 1:26

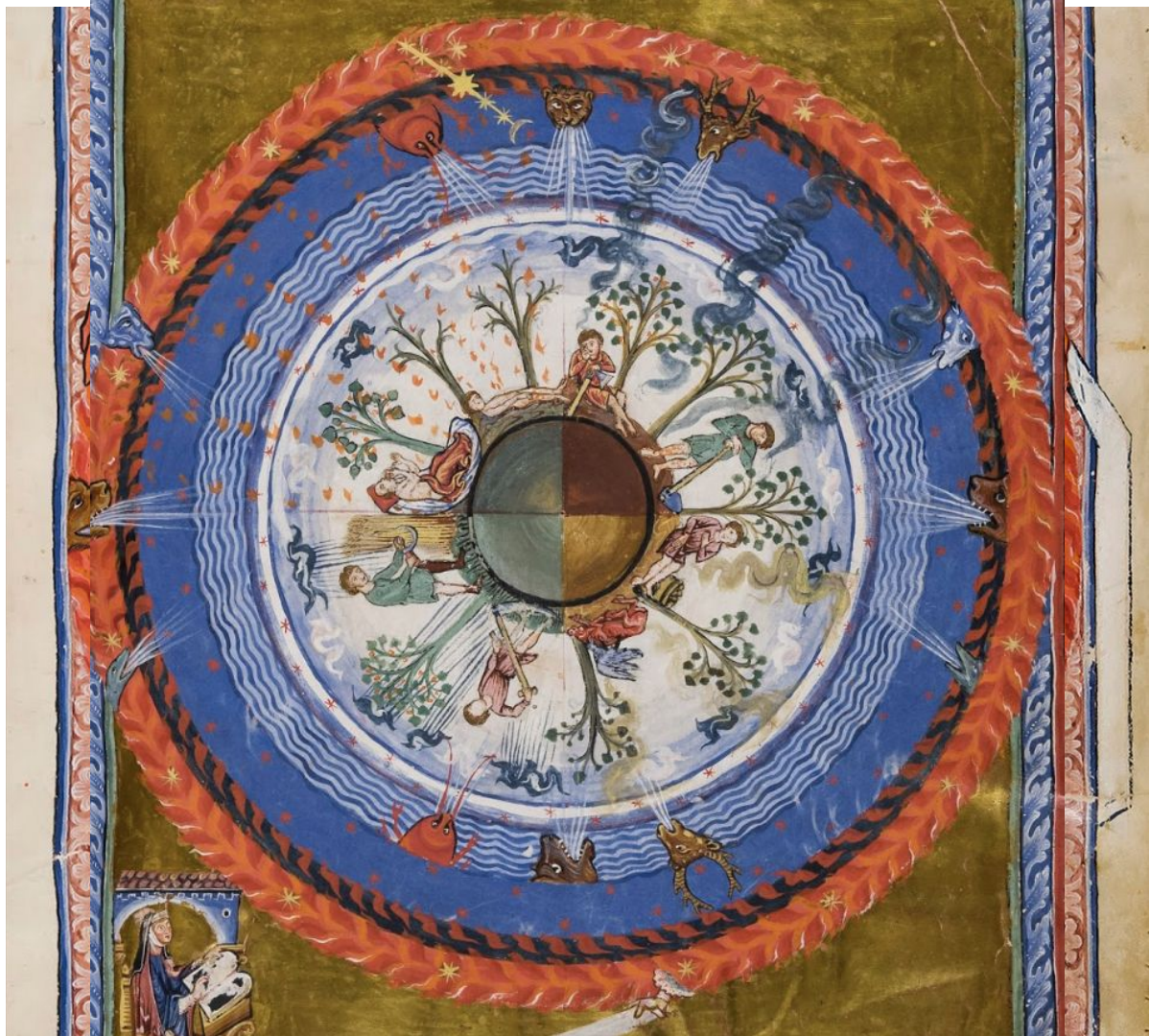
26 And above the firmament over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a **throne was a likeness as it were of a human form.**











Ezekiel 1:28

28 Like the appearance of the **bow that is in the cloud** on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about.

Genesis 9:16

16 When the **bow is in the clouds**, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

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Revelation 10:1

1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, **with a rainbow above his head.** His face was like the sun, and his legs were like pillars of fire.



Ezekiel 1:28

Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, **I fell upon my face**, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

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Ezekiel 2:1-2

1 And he said to me, “**Son of man**, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you.” **2** And when he spoke to me, **the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet**; and I heard him speaking to me.

Luke 9:22

The **Son of man** must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Ezekiel 2:3-5

3 Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a **nation of rebels...** And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) **they will know that there has been a prophet among them.**

Ezekiel 2:6-7

6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, **though briers and thorns are with you and you sit upon scorpions**; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. **7** And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 2:8-10

8 “But you, son of man... open your mouth, and eat what I give you.” **9** And when I looked, behold, **a hand was stretched out to me**, and lo, a written scroll was in it; **10** and he spread it before me; and it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it **words of lamentation and mourning and woe.**

Ezekiel 3:1-3

1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is offered to you; **eat this scroll**, and go, speak to the house of Israel." **2** So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. **3** And he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." **Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.**

Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found, **and I ate them**,
and thy words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by thy name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

Revelation 10:9-10

9 So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll; and he said to me, "Take it and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet[b] as honey in your mouth." **10** And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; **it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.**

Ezekiel 3:5-6

5 For you are not sent **to a people of foreign speech and a hard language**, but to the house of Israel— **6** not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. **Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you.**

Matthew 11:20-24

22 But I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Caper'na-um, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. **For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24** But I tell you that it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

Ezekiel 3:8-9

8 Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. **9 Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead;** fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house."

Ezekiel 3:14-15

14 The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me; **15** and I came to **the exiles at Tel-abib**, who dwelt by the river Chebar.



Ezekiel 3:18-19

18 If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; **but his blood I will require at your hand.** **19** But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; **but you will have saved your life.**

Ezekiel 3:21

21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; **and you will have saved your life."**

Romans 2:1; 3:23

“Therefore **you have no excuse**, O man, whoever you are, when you judge another; for in passing judgment upon him you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.”

“**...all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God...”

Ezekiel 3:22-23

22 And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said to me, "Arise, go forth into the plain, and there I will speak with you." **23** So I arose and went forth into the plain; and lo, **the glory of the Lord stood there**, like the glory which I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:22-23

24 But the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me, “Go, **shut yourself within your house.**”

Ezekiel 3:22-23

26 and I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth, so that **you shall be dumb and unable to reprove them**; for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 3:22-23

27 But when I speak with you, **I will open your mouth**, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; he that will hear, let him hear; and he that will refuse to hear, let him refuse.

Psalm 51:15

O Lord, **open thou my lips,**
and my mouth shall show
forth thy praise.

Schedule

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Daniel 1-6, 13-14

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Peñafort, wise and holy patron,
come to the aid of those entrusted
to your care, and all who flee to
your protection. Intercede for us
in our need, and help us through
your prayers, example, and
teaching, to proclaim the truth of
the Gospel to all we meet. And
when we have reached the
fullness of our years, we beseech
you to guide us home to heaven,
to live in peace with you, Our
Mother Mary, and Our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.

