



Walking the Ancient Path

Ezekiel

History of Israel

God's
Covenant
With
Abraham

Israel

Israel

Assyria

Judah

Babylon

Exile

Return

Prophets of Israel

Amos
Hosea
Isaiah
Micah

Zephaniah
Jeremiah
Nahum
Habakkuk

Obadiah
Ezekiel

Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Joel (?)
Jonah
(Ninevah)



Who was Ezekiel?

- **Captured Israelite**
- **Resident of Babylon**
- **Young Priest**
- **Great Communicator**



It's a little strange . . .

- **Under 30, Can't Read**
- **Laid on Side 1 yr+**
- **Unable to speak**
- **Played "Army"**
- **Cooked over dung**
- **Cut beard & hair**
- **Not allowed to grieve wife's death**



**Shocking
Vision**

**Flashback
Vision**



**Vision
of Life**

**Vision of
Renewal**



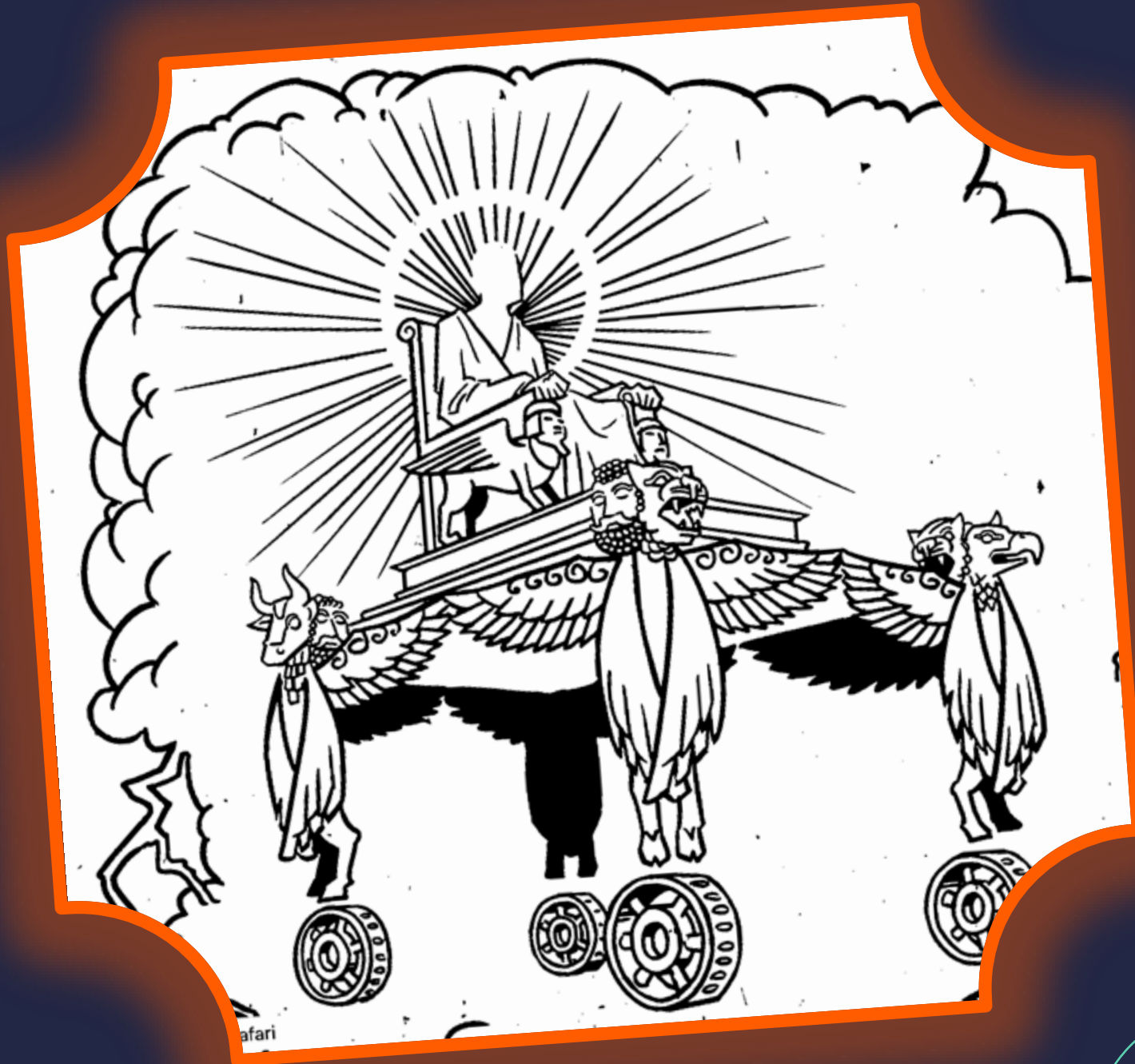
**Shocking
Vision
Chap. 1-3**



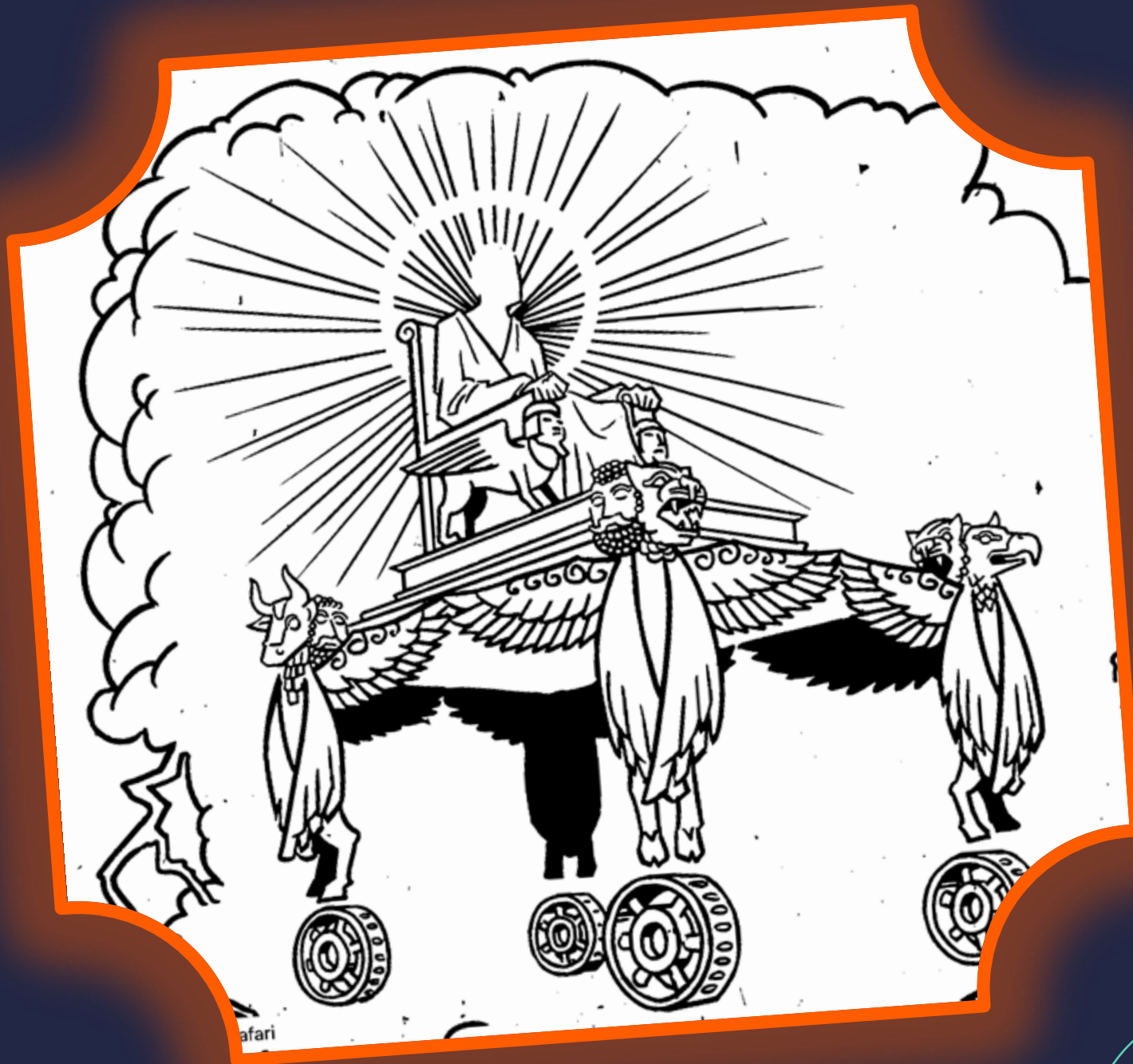
**On July 31 of my
thirtieth year, while I
was with the Judean
exiles beside the Kebar
River in Babylon, the
heavens were opened
and I saw . . . Ez 1:1**

- Wow!
- Birthday?
- What's the significance of the location?
- And what did he see?

Visions of God



**What?
Why is
this here?**



Flashback Vision Chap. 8-11



Chapter 8

Then on September 17, during the sixth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, while the leaders of Judah were in my home, the Sovereign Lord took hold of me³ He reached out what seemed to be a hand and took me by the hair. Then the Spirit lifted me up into the sky and transported me to Jerusalem in a vision from God.

6 “Son of man,” he said, “do you see what they are doing? Do you see the detestable sins the people of Israel are committing to drive me from my Temple? But come, and you will see even more detestable sins than these!”

“Detestable Things”

- Court of the Men
- Court of the Women
- Inside the temple

Ez.
33:11

Heart of
God on
Display

¹¹ As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die?

Bad News

Chap. 33



21 On January 8, during the twelfth year of our captivity, a survivor from Jerusalem came to me and said, “The city has fallen!”

22 The previous evening the Lord had taken hold of me and given me back my voice. So I was able to speak when this man arrived the next morning.

33:21-22

Chap. 24

God
Prepares
Ezekiel

¹⁵ Then this message came to me from the Lord: ¹⁶ “Son of man, with one blow I will take away your dearest treasure. Yet you must not show any sorrow at her death. Do not weep; let there be no tears.

Chap. 24

God Warns the People

²¹ This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will defile my Temple, the source of your security and pride, the place your heart delights in. Your sons and daughters whom you left behind in Judah will be slaughtered by the sword.

Chap. 24

Actions Matter

²² Then you will do as Ezekiel has done. You will not mourn in public . . . but you will waste away because of your sins. You will groan among yourselves for all the evil you have done.

²⁴ Ezekiel is an example for you; you will do just as he has done.

25 Then the Lord said to me, “Son of man, on the day I take away their stronghold . . . a survivor from Jerusalem will come to you in Babylon and tell you what has happened.

27 And when he arrives, your voice will suddenly return so you can talk to him, and you will be a symbol for these people. **Then they will know that I am the Lord.”**

**Vision
of Life
Chap. 36-37**



22 “Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign Lord: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations.

Chap. 36

But It's
Not
Over

The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. ² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.

Chap. 37

But Lord,
How?

³ Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?”
“O Sovereign Lord,” I replied,
“you alone know the answer to that.” . . . ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again!

Chap. 37

Creator
at Work

Vision of Renewal Chap. 40-48



³ This vision was just like the others I had seen, first by the Kebar River and then when he came to destroy Jerusalem. I fell face down on the ground. ⁴ And the glory of the Lord came into the Temple through the east gateway.

Chap. 43

Temple
Restored

Take-Aways from Ezekiel

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and he told me to say, “This is what the Lord says to the people of Israel . . .”

11:5

“The Word of the Lord came to me” - 49x

“Spirit” - 20x

God speaks even though . . .

Take-Aways from Ezekiel

And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord. 38:23

“Then they will know that I am the Lord”
- 72x

Experience leads to knowing.

Take-Aways from Ezekiel

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.”² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me
2:1

“Son of man” -
93x

Christ identified himself with us enabling us to identify ourselves with Him.