

Ezekiel 10

The Day the Music Died

Read Ezekiel 10:1-8: Jeremiah described being cut down with the sword and being burned. The last chapter showed angels walking around with axes. Again, the Babylonians did what the angels were doing invisibly.

This chapter describes when God left Israel. He had enough of that generation; and he is moving on. Jerusalem is where his throne on earth will be located at the second coming; so, he will be back.

The book of Ezekiel provides a lot of spiritual views behind the scenes. One thing about the spiritual view, is that it is also timeless. This is why the Gospel of John is out of sequence. This is why Revelation rolls forward and backwards throughout the book. God exists in the present and the past at the same time. We are just limited to being here today and gone tomorrow. Ezekiel devotes a lot of writing to the millennial Kingdom. Ezekiel addresses the current judgement and the future state of Jerusalem.

God is always with his people individually, but he just could not be kept nationally/corporately in the same place where men were worshipping idols.

¹⁷ “At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts. (Jeremiah 3)

The sacrificial and temple processes were corrupted. Those closest to the temple were utterly corrupt.

For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God (1 Peter 4)

God waited and reached out daily for hundreds of years; while things got so bad that there was nothing resembling faith in God remaining. There was no commonality between God and his people. It was time to end the contagion and start over with another generation. The dark forces were now effectively fully manipulating the Jews.

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? (2 Corinthians 6)

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (Amos 3: 3)

Idolatry and adultery go hand in hand. They both involve being untrue to the one who you should honor and keep. Adultery is an especially grievous sin to the Holy Spirit. God is essentially trapped inside of the body of believers. When two people become one flesh God is trapped right in the middle of it. In the case of adultery, you are forcing God to witness something he is against.

God has always wanted to dwell with likeminded men. God entered into the original tent of meeting when Moses came with a thankful heart.

And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40)

After the second coming of Christ, the glory of God will come back to his temple. Again, it will only be after many sinful men were slain, and men's desires have been burnt down. In fact, 2/3 of the Jews will be killed in the tribulation; but all of Israel (that remains) will be saved.

Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. ² And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. ³ It was like the appearance of the vision which I saw—like the vision which I saw when I came to destroy the city. The visions were like the vision which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. ⁴ And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. (Ezekiel 43)

The goal is to re-cleanse the land; and bring back believers. God wants to dwell in harmony with men eternally. It must be a mutual desire.

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. (Revelation 21)

I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. (Exodus 29)

Heaven Coming to Earth

The throne of God has a pavement below it described here like a sapphire stone. The cherubim are below the throne, not above it.

And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. (Ezekiel 1)

and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. (Exodus 24)

There may be a transliteration adjustment needed for sapphire. God’s throne may not be light blue, like a sapphire. Sapphire was not discovered until the era of the Roman Empire. This same stone likeness is also translated elsewhere as Lapis Lazuli. Lapis Lazuli is one of the oldest mined substances known to man. It is a Persian word meaning ‘gem’. This reference has to be referring to Lapis Lazuli; meaning that the heavenly throne pavement is not light blue. It's a richer, more-intense dark blue.



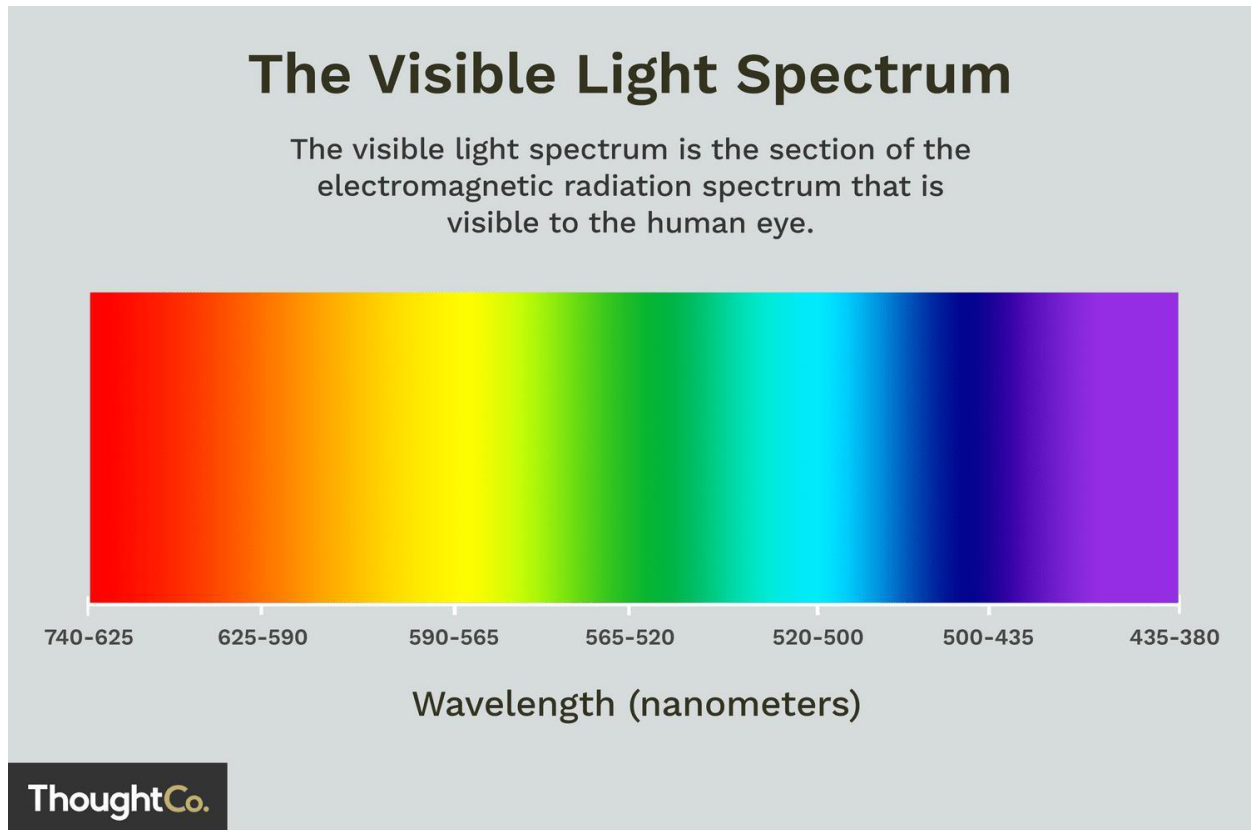
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Lapis Lazuli was sometimes also ground into powder and used as an intense dye or paint called aquamarine.

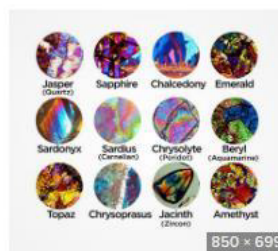
Heaven is likely filled with colors beyond the light spectrum of what our eyes can detect. These colors are also probably more intense.



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Firestorm

Why did God have Ezekiel scatter the cherubim's fiery coals in Jerusalem? For starters, there is a lot of manmade trash to burn. Jerusalem had to become a burn barrel.

For our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12)

This chapter shows angels spreading live coals. Our dead and unholy acts are flammable; but our faith is flameproof. Believers are cleansed through fiery trials as well. We get burned, when we play with fire. That burns in the lesson for a more lasting value.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—⁴⁸ where ‘Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.’⁴⁹ “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.” (Mark 9)

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.” (Isaiah 6)

Unbelievers who refuse to repent have no redeeming value. Such things typically get tossed out and burned.

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 24)

Dwelling with God does not involve staying away from his holy fire. Part of our new heavenly body must be fireproof, just like angels.

When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, (Isaiah 43)

Read Ezekiel 10:9-17: This is a good description of a cherub angel. The wings of the cherubim are extremely loud when they move. The ark of the covenant depicts a cherub on each side of God’s throne. Four cherubs stand around God’s throne. They are very bright. They have four wings, and they look like lightning when they move around. They also have hands like men and feet like a calf’s cloven hoof. Each cherub has a wheel within a wheel. This is why people who have seen them refer to them as chariots. They move like a rook on a chessboard. They move straight forward or straight sideways. They do not move at an angle. I suppose that the perpendicular inner wheel moves left-right,

and the outer wheel moves forward and back. Having four faces allows you to not have to turn your head. They the face of a man, a cherub, and eagle and a lion. This undoubtedly honors God.

They also look a little like a peacock, because they are covered with eyes all around. They have eyes on both sides of their wings, and their hands, and even on their wheels.

To compare, the Seraphim angels have six wings and one face. They proclaim God's glory. Their voices sound like thunder. When you have cherubim moving and seraphim speaking, it is like thunder and lightning in heaven.

Read Ezekiel 10:18-22: We tend to think of the third heaven as a place; and it is. Heaven can be really anywhere in God's presence, wherever it is. We see God temporarily changing his address on earth in this chapter. The preparations for us to come to our heavenly home may partially be taking place within us, instead of some kind of build out in heaven. God already lives in us. We need to be changed and equipped for our father's business.

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14)