

Ezekiel and the Second Isaiah

Ezekiel 1:6-8, 26-28

Every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings, and their legs were straight legs and the sole of their feet was as the sole of a calf's foot, and they sparkled like burnished brass. They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides.

And above the firmament that was over their head, as the appearance of sapphire, a likeness of a throne, and upon the likeness of the throne, a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. And I saw as a flash of amber, as the appearance of fire around upward from the appearance of his loins. And from the appearance of his loins downward I saw, as an appearance of fire, and splendor around him. As the appearance of the bow that is in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the splendor around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yahweh.

Ezekiel 3:24-27

The Spirit entered into me, and stood me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, be shut up inside your house. You, son of man, look, cords will be placed on you and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out from their midst, and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you will be made dumb and will not be a man of reproof to them; because they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you will say to them, Lord Yahweh says this... He who hears shall hear, and he who refuses shall refuse. Because they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 4:1-3

You, son of man, take a brick and set it before you. On it you shall carve a city, Jerusalem, and you shall lay siege against it, and build a bulwark against it, and cast a ramp against it. You shall also set camps against it -- and plant battering rams against it all around. Then take an iron plate, and you shall place it as an iron wall between you and the city; set your face

toward it, and let it be in a state of siege, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a sign for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 5:9-12

I will do to you what I have never yet done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. Therefore parents shall eat their children in your midst, and children eat their parents. I will execute judgments on you, and I will scatter your remnant to every wind. Therefore as I live, Lord Yahweh's speech, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable practices and with all your abominations - I also will rebuke you; my eye will not spare, and I will have no pity. One third of you shall die of pestilence or be consumed by famine among you; one third shall fall by the sword around you; and one third I will scatter to every wind and will unsheathe the sword after them.

Ezekiel 36:22-27

Therefore, say to the house of Israel: Lord Yahweh says this, Not for your sake am I acting, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the peoples you came to. I will sanctify my great name, although profaned among the peoples among whom you have profaned it, and the peoples will know that I am Yahweh, says the Lord, Yahweh, when I am sanctified among you before their eyes. I will take you from the peoples, and gather you from all the lands, and bring you to your land. I will sprinkle on you clean waters and cleanse you from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put in you midst, and remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. My Spirit I shall put in your midst and I will make you walk according to my statutes and keep my judgments and do them.

Ezekiel 44:1-3, 10-14

Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east, and it was shut. Yahweh said to me, This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, because Yahweh, the God of Israel, has entered by it, and it

shall remain shut. The prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before Yahweh; he shall enter by the way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way. But the Levites who went far from me when Israel went astray, going astray from me after their idols, shall bear their iniquity. They shall be servers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house and serving the house. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people and they shall wait on them to serve them. Because they served them with their idols and made the house of Israel stumble into iniquity, for this reason I have lifted my hand against them, Lord Yahweh's speech, and they shall bear their iniquity. They shall not come near me, to serve me as priests, nor come near any of my sacred offerings, the most holy things; but they shall bear their humiliation, and the abominations they have committed. Yet I will appoint them for service of the house, to do all its work, all that is to be done in it.

Isaiah 51:17-22

Awake, awake!

Stand up, Jerusalem,

You who have drunk at the hand of Yahweh

the cup of his wrath,

who have drunk and drained the bowl, the cup of staggering.

There is no one to guide her among all the children she has borne;

there is no one to take her by the hand

among all the children she has brought up.

These two things have met you, Who shall grieve for you?

Desolation and destruction,

-- and famine and sword, How shall I comfort you?

Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all streets,

Like an antelope in a net.

They are full of the wrath of Yahweh, the rebuke of your God.