

If you could watch real footage of a scene from the Bible, what would you like to watch and why?

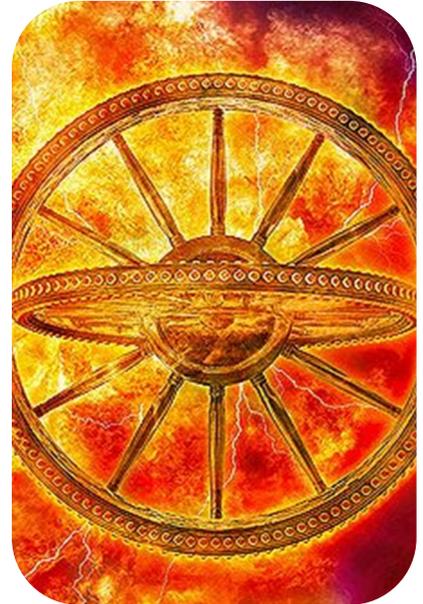
During the service we read from Ezekiel Ch 1, where Ezekiel tries to describe the vision of God's glory that he had seen. Ezekiel was among the exiles of Israel that had been dragged off to Babylon as a result of their sinful ways. Many of them were now held captive in a powerful and sophisticated foreign land much bigger than their own. **Read Ezekiel Ch 1. What are your initial reactions to the images described in this chapter?**

Have you ever felt trapped in a situation that seemed without hope?

Even though the vision seems very strange, I think it must have comforted Ezekiel to know that God had not forsaken them, and had a message for him to share with the other exiles.

How might this vision of God's glory have comforted him with it's images of...

- ◆ A wind storm with lightening and black clouds surrounded by brilliant light coming in from The North.
- ◆ A centre of fire like glowing metal in which were what looked like four living creatures, (described as angels in ch 10)
- ◆ Wheels within wheels by each creature, sparkling and covered with eyes.
- ◆ An expanse above which is a throne of sapphire and on the throne a figure like a man, (Was this a reminder of God's promise of a future Messiah?)



Have you ever experienced a fresh revelation of God and his promises when you have felt down and out?

We thought about the intersecting wheels within wheels that were covered in eyes, and I shared that this seemed to be God's ultimate CCTV surveillance system seeing everything from every perspective. Reflect on and be encouraged by this verse from 2 Chronicles 16:9

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.