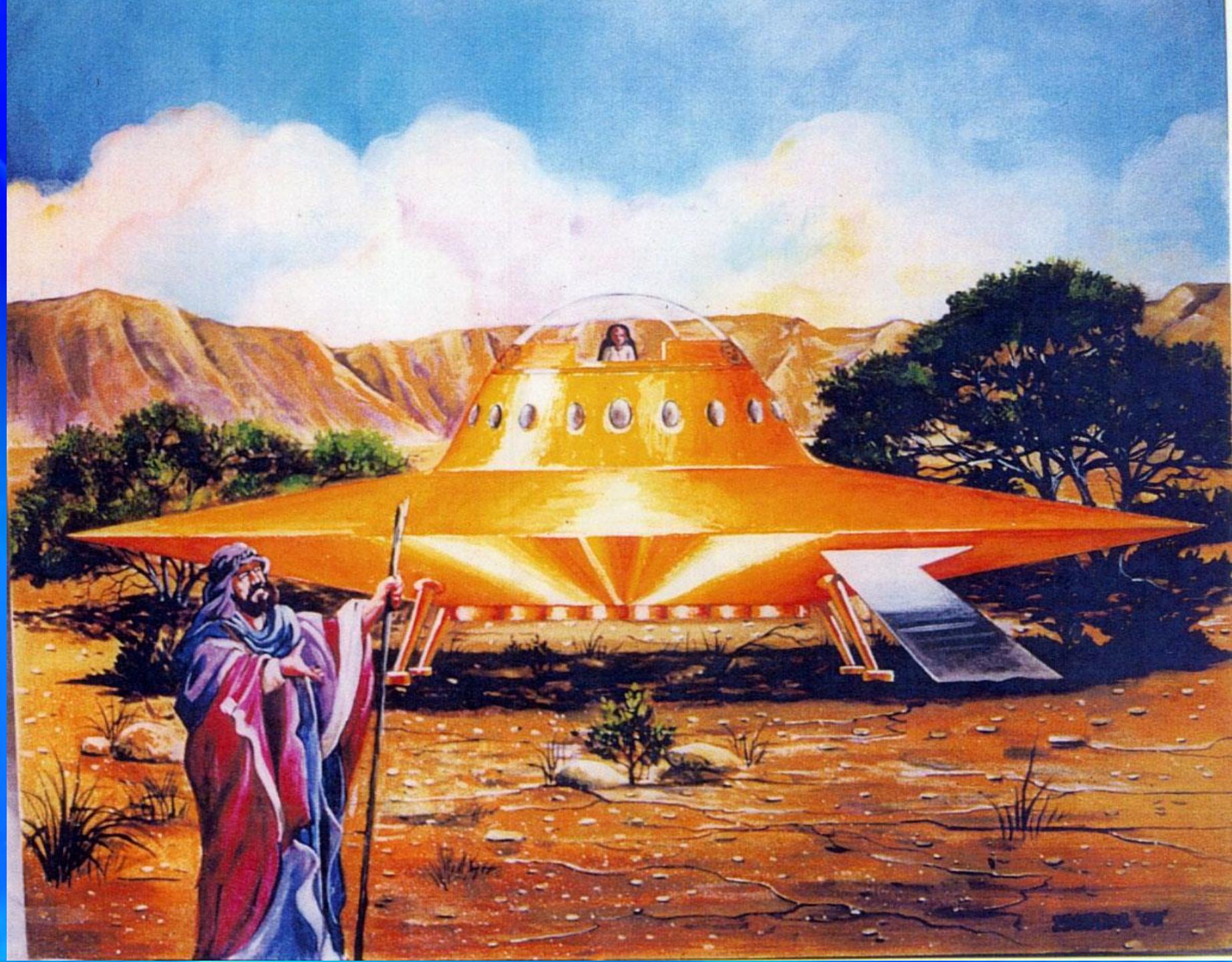


The Glory of the Lord

- One of the most important lessons we can learn from Ezekiel's language is that God is **ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT** from anything we know here on **earth.**













The Glory of the Lord

- **He is - Transcendent:** a : exceeding usual limits
b : extending or lying beyond the limits of ordinary experience
2 : being beyond comprehension
 - **Isaiah 57:15: “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place...”**

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A. W. Tozer

The Glory of the Lord

- He is - Transcendant
- He is – Spirit and does not have a physical or material form.
 - John 4:24: “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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- He is - Transcendant
- He is - Spirit
- EXODUS 20:4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”

The Glory of the Lord

- He is - Transcendant
- He is – Spirit yet is described with anthropomorphisms.

- Anthropomorphism
 - When God is described with human features or emotions

Isaiah 65:2 “All day long I have held out my *hands* to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good... a people who continually provoke me to my *very face* ... such people are smoke in my *nostrils*”

The Glory of the Lord

- He is - Transcendant
- He is - Spirit
- He is - **Invisible**
- 1 Timothy 1:17: “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

The Glory of the Lord

- He is - Transcendant
- He is - Spirit
- He is - Invisible
 - But shows Himself through theophany
 - A manifestation of God in a physical sense

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Daniel 7:9: “I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, Whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool; His throne ws like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. (13) I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of Days.”

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Rev. 4:2: “...a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He who st there was like jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne...

Rev 5:6: And I looked and behold, in the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though it had been slain... Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.”

- What is important is that God took the initiative and personally revealed Himself to man.
- What was important was that the one to whom God revealed Himself recognized that He was God.

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- The whirlwind reminds us that God is the Judge.
- NIV **Jeremiah 23:19** See, the storm of the LORD will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked.

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- The fire reminds us of God's presence and His power.
- NIV Exodus 13:21 By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

The Glory of the Lord

- The fire reminds us of God's presence and His power.
 - His Holiness
 - His jealousy for His sole worship
 - His protection of His people
 - His righteous judgment and purification
 - His wrath against sin and punishment of the wicked

The Glory of the Lord

- The Living Creatures remind us of God's holiness.

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- The Living Creatures remind us of God's holiness.
- *kadosh* - set apart, separate, completely other
- Exodus 15:11: “Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?”
- When we say that God is holy, we are trying to describe His otherness as well as His sinlessness.

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The vision of the Lord riding upon His chariot-throne typified this sense of otherness and majesty. It was unutterably splendid, mysteriously intricate, superhuman and supernatural, infinitely mobile but never earth-bound, all-seeing, and all-knowing. This was the setting for [Ezekiel's] commission to prophesy and from it he carried with him through the whole of his ministry a sense of awe and holy fear. - John Taylor

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- Wheels

The Glory of the Lord

- **Wheels**

Their movement reminds us of God's omnipresence.

Psalm 139: **7Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence? 8If I go
up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my
bed in the depths,⁹ you are there. 9If I rise on
the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side
of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide
me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

The Glory of the Lord

- Wheels
- The Rims of the wheels remind us of God's omnipotence.
- Jeremiah 32:17 'Ah Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee!
- God can do everything that is in harmony with His perfections.

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- Wheels
- Their eyes remind us of God's omniscience.
- Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Glory of the Lord

- The Throne reminds us that God is our **KING!**
- Psalm 145:1-9 I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. ² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. ⁴ One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. ⁵ They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

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- Our God the King is Great!
- The King is Glorious! Full of Splendor! Majestic!



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The Glory of the Lord

- The Rainbow around the throne reminds us that God is a promise-keeper, He is faithful.

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The glory of God is the sum total of all of His divine perfections and attributes and is the very essence of Who He is.

The glory of the Lord belongs to Him alone.



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2 Corinthians 3:18

“We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image ...”

