

Cherubim in Ezekiel

(Part 2)

A. The Background to the Occurrences of Cherubim in Ezekiel

1. **In Ezekiel 8-11 Ezekiel witnesses a sad vision of Yahweh's Judgment upon and Desertion of Jerusalem.**
2. **Ezekiel is shown, in a vision, the idolatry in Jerusalem. Ezek. 8**
 - a. Ezekiel is transferred by the Holy Spirit in a vision to Jerusalem. Ezek. 8:1-4
 - b. The Spirit shows Ezekiel the idol of jealousy north of the Altar Gate. Ezek. 8:5-6
 - c. Ezekiel sees elders of Israel worshiping images carved on the temple walls. 8:7-13
 - d. Ezekiel sees women weeping for Tammuz at the North Temple Gate. 8:14-15
 - e. Ezekiel sees men worshiping the sun in the Temple Court. 8:16
 - f. Yahweh promises to deal with the House of Judah in wrath without pity. 8:17-18.
3. **Ezekiel witnesses, in a vision, Yahweh's execution of Idolaters. Ezek. 9:1-10**
 - a. Yahweh calls six executioners to Jerusalem. 9:1-2
 - b. The glory of God departs from the cherub to the temple threshold. 9:3a. What is the significance of this first mention of "cherub" in Ezek. 9?
 - c. A linen-clad man marks out those anguished by idolatry to spare them from execution. 9:4
 - d. The executioners slay people in the temple and in the city. 9:5-7
 - e. Ezekiel expresses horror at Yahweh's destroying the whole remnant of Israel. 9:8
 - f. Yahweh refuses to show pity. 9:9-10

B. Ezekiel Witnesses in a Vision God's Judgment of Jerusalem and Israel by Withdrawing His Glory from the Temple and the City. Ezek. 9:11 - 11:25

1. The activities of the linen-clad man. 9:11-10:2
 - a. What did the man in linen report? 9:11
 - b. What did Ezekiel see? 10:1
 - c. What did God tell the linen-clad man to do? 10:2
2. What happened to the glory of the LORD in relation to the cherubim? 10:3-5
3. What did one of the cherubim transfer to the hands of the man clothed in linen? 10:6-8
4. Describe the wheels beside the cherubim. 10:9-11
5. Describe the cherubim. 10:12-14
6. What did the cherubim do? 10:15a
7. How did Ezekiel identify these cherubim? 10:15b
8. Describe the relationship of the cherubim to the wheels. 10:16-17
9. What happened to the glory of the LORD? 10:18
10. The cherubim and the glory of the LORD departed to what place? 10:19
11. How did Ezekiel identify these cherubim? 10:20-22
12. Ezekiel is commanded to prophesy against 25 leaders of Judah at the Temple East Gate. 11:1-4
13. Ezekiel prophesies that judgment, not safety, awaited Jerusalem's inhabitants (*until they know I'm Yahweh*). 11:5- 12
14. Ezekiel's horror at the immediate death of Pelatiah. 11:13
15. Yahweh promised to restore Israel with a new spirit and a soft heart in obedience to their God. 11:14-21
16. What happened to the cherubim and the glory of the LORD? 11:22-23