

Shavuot: Haftarah Day 1

[Ezekiel]

(1)1: Now it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Kevar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2: In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Yehoyachin's captivity,

3: the word of the LORD came expressly to Yechezkel the priest, the son of Buzi,

in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Kevar; and the hand of the LORD was there on him.

4: I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning,

and a brightness round about it, and out of the midst of it as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire.

5: Out of the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance:

they had the likeness of a man. 6: Every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings.

7: Their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot;

and they sparkled like burnished brass. 8: They had the hands of a man under their wings

on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus: 9: their wings were joined one to another; they didn't turn when they went; each of them went straight forward.

10: As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side;

the four of them had also the face of an eagle. 11: So were their faces, and their wings were separate above; two wings of everyone were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

12: Each one of them went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went;

they didn't turn when they went. 13: As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like coals of fire,

וַיְהִי־יָמִי בְשָׁלְשִׁים שָׁנָה בְּרִבְעֵי בַחֲמִשָּׁה לַחֹדֶשׁ וְאָנֹכִי
בְּתוֹךְ־הַגּוֹלָה עַל־נְהַר־כְּבָר נִפְתְּחוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וַאֲרָאָה מַרְאֹת
אֱלֹהִים׃ בַּחֲמִשָּׁה לַחֹדֶשׁ הַיּוֹם הַשֵּׁנִי הַחֲמִישִׁית לְגַלּוֹת
הַמֶּלֶךְ יוֹכִיָּן׃ הָיָה הָיָה דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי־יְחִזְקֵאל בֶּן־בוּזִי
הַכֹּהֵן בְּאֶרֶץ כַּשְׂדִּים עַל־נְהַר־כְּבָר וַתְּהִי עָלַי שָׁם
יַד־יְהוָה׃ וַאֲרָא וְהִנֵּה רוּחַ סְעָרָה בָּאָה מִן־הַצָּפוֹן עָנָן
גָּדוֹל וְאֵשׁ מִתְלַקַּחַת וְנִגְהָ לּוֹ סָבִיב וּמִתּוֹכָהּ כְּעֵין הַחֲשֵׁמַל
מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ׃ וּמִתּוֹכָהּ דְמוֹת אַרְבַּע חַיּוֹת וְזֹה מַרְאִיהֶן
דְמוֹת אָדָם לְהִנָּה׃ וְאַרְבַּעַה פָּנִים לְאַחַת וְאַרְבַּע פְּנֵימִים
לְאַחַת לָהֶם׃ וְרַגְלֵיהֶם רַגְלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכַף רַגְלֵיהֶם כְּכַף רַגְלֵי
עֵגֶל וְנִנְצָצִים כְּעֵין נְחֹשֶׁת קָלִיל׃ וַיְדֹוּ וַיֵּדִי אָדָם מִתַּחַת כַּנְּפֵיהֶם
עַל אַרְבַּעַת רַבְעֵיהֶם וּפְנֵיהֶם וּכְנַפֵּיהֶם לְאַרְבַּעַתָּם׃ חִבְּרֹת
אִשָּׁה אֶל־אַחֻתָּהּ כַּנְּפֵיהֶם לֹא־יִסְבּוּ בְּלִכְתָּן אִישׁ אֶל־עֵבֶר
פָּנָיו יֵלְכוּ׃ וּדְמוֹת פְּנֵיהֶם פְּנֵי אָדָם וּפְנֵי אַרְיֵה
אֶל־הַיְמִין לְאַרְבַּעַתָּם וּפְנֵי־שׁוֹר מִהַשְּׂמֹאל לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן
וּפְנֵי־נְשׂוֹר לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן׃ וּפְנֵיהֶם וּכְנַפֵּיהֶם פְּרֻדּוֹת מִלְּמַעְלָה
לְאִישׁ שְׁתֵּים חִבְּרוֹת אִישׁ וּשְׁתֵּים מְכֻסּוֹת אֶת גּוּיֵיהֶנָּה׃
וְאִישׁ אֶל־עֵבֶר פָּנָיו יֵלְכוּ אֶל אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה־שָׁמָּה הָרוּחַ
לְלַכְתָּ יֵלְכוּ לֹא יִסְבּוּ בְּלִכְתָּן׃ וּדְמוֹת הַחַיּוֹת מַרְאִיהֶן

burning like the appearance of torches: the fire went up and down among the living creatures;

and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14: The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15: Now as I saw the living creatures, behold, one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces of it. 16: The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a chrysolite: and the four of them had one likeness; and their appearance and their work

was as if it were a wheel within a wheel. 17: When they went, they went in their four directions:

they didn't turn when they went. 18: They had rims, they were high and dreadful;

and the four of them had their rims full of eyes round about. 19: When the living creatures went,

the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20: Wherever the spirit was to go, they went; there was the spirit to go:

and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21: When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22: Over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like the color of severe frost, stretched forth over their heads above. 23: Under the expanse were their wings straight, the one toward the other:

every one had two which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side,

their bodies. 24: I heard the noise of their wings

like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Omnipotent, when they went, a noise of tumult like the noise of a camp: when they stood, they let down their wings. 25: There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings. 26: Above the expanse that was over their heads

was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and on the likeness of the throne

בְּגַחְלֵי-אֵשׁ בְּעֵרוֹת כְּמִרְאֵה הַלְפָּדִים הִיא מִתְהַלֶּכֶת בֵּין
הַחַיּוֹת וְנִגְהָ לְאֵשׁ וּמִן-הָאֵשׁ יוֹצֵא בְּרָק׃¹⁴ וְהַחַיּוֹת רָצוּא
וְשׁוֹב כְּמִרְאֵה הַבּוֹק׃¹⁵ וְאֶרְאָה הַחַיּוֹת וְהִנֵּה אֶחָד בְּאֶרֶץ
אֶצֶּל הַחַיּוֹת לְאַרְבַּעַת פָּנָיו׃¹⁶ מִרְאֵה הָאוֹפָנִים וּמַעֲשֵׂיהֶם
כְּעֵין תְּרַשִׁישׁ וּדְמוּת אֶחָד לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן וּמִרְאֵיהֶם וּמַעֲשֵׂיהֶם
כְּאֶשֶׁר יִהְיֶה הָאוֹפֵן בְּתוֹךְ הָאוֹפֵן׃¹⁷ עַל-אַרְבַּעַת רַבְעֵיהֶן
בְּלִכְתָּם יִלְכוּ לֹא יִסְבוּ בְּלִכְתָּן׃¹⁸ וְגִבֵּיהֶן וְגִבְהַ לָּהֶם וַיִּרְאֶה
לָהֶם וְגִבְתָּם מִלְּאֵת עֵינַיִם סָבִיב לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן׃¹⁹ וּבְלִכְתָּ הַחַיּוֹת
יִלְכוּ הָאוֹפָנִים אֶצְלָם וּבְהִנְשָׂא הַחַיּוֹת מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ יִנְשְׂאוּ
הָאוֹפָנִים׃²⁰ עַל אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה-שָׁם הָרוּחַ לִלְכֹת יִלְכוּ שָׁמָּה
הָרוּחַ לִלְכֹת וְהָאוֹפָנִים יִנְשְׂאוּ לְעַמְתָּם כִּי רוּחַ הַחַיָּה
בְּאוֹפָנִים׃²¹ בְּלִכְתָּם יִלְכוּ וּבְעִמּוֹדָם יַעֲמֻדוּ וּבְהִנְשָׂאָם מֵעַל
הָאָרֶץ יִנְשְׂאוּ הָאוֹפָנִים לְעַמְתָּם כִּי רוּחַ הַחַיָּה בְּאוֹפָנִים׃
וּדְמוּת עַל-רֵאשֵׁי הַחַיָּה רָקִיעַ כְּעֵין הַקֶּרֶחַ הַנּוֹרָא גָטוּי
עַל-רֵאשֵׁיהֶם מִלְּמַעְלָה׃²² וְתַחַת הַרָקִיעַ כַּנְּפֵיהֶם יִשְׁרוֹת
אִשָּׁה אֶל-אַחֻתָּה לְאִישׁ שְׂתֵי מְכַסּוֹת לְהִנָּה וּלְאִישׁ שְׂתֵי
מְכַסּוֹת לְהִנָּה אֵת גּוֹיֵתֵיהֶם׃²³ וְאֶשְׁמַע אֶת-קוֹל כַּנְּפֵיהֶם
כְּקוֹל מַיִם רַבִּים כְּקוֹל-שֹׁדֵי בְּלִכְתָּם קוֹל הַמְּלָה כְּקוֹל
מַחֲנֶה בְּעִמּוֹדָם תְּרַפִּינָה כַּנְּפֵיהֶן׃²⁴ וַיְהִי-קוֹל מֵעַל לְרָקִיעַ
אֲשֶׁר עַל-רֵאשֵׁם בְּעִמּוֹדָם תְּרַפִּינָה כַּנְּפֵיהֶן׃²⁵ וּמִמַּעַל לְרָקִיעַ
אֲשֶׁר עַל-רֵאשֵׁם כְּמִרְאֵה אֶבֶן-סַפִּיר דְּמוּת כְּסֵא וְעַל דְּמוּת

was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above. 27: I saw as it were glowing metal,

as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward;

and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about it.

28: As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell on my face,

and I heard a voice speaking.

12: Then a wind lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing: Blessed be the glory of the LORD from His place.

הַכִּסֵּא דְמוֹת כְּמֵרְאֵה אָדָם עָלָיו מִלְמַעְלָה: 27 וָאֵרָא | כְּעֵין
חֲשֵׁמֶל כְּמֵרְאֵה-אֵשׁ בֵּית-לָהּ סָבִיב מִמֵּרְאֵה מִתְנִיּוֹ וּלְמַעְלָה
וּמִמֵּרְאֵה מִתְנִיּוֹ וּלְמַטָּה רָאִיתִי כְּמֵרְאֵה-אֵשׁ וְנִגְהָ לּוֹ סָבִיב:
28 כְּמֵרְאֵה הַקֶּשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה בְעָנָן בַּיּוֹם הַגֶּשֶׁם כֵּן מֵרְאֵה
הַנִּגְהָ סָבִיב הוּא מֵרְאֵה דְמוֹת כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה וָאֵרָא וָאֶפֶל
עַל-פָּנָי וָאֲשָׁמַע קוֹל מְדַבֵּר:

(Reading continues with a later verse:)

וּתְשָׁאֲנִי רוּחַ וָאֲשָׁמַע אַחֲרַי קוֹל רַעַשׁ גָּדוֹל בְּרוּךְ
12(3) כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה מִמְּקוֹמוֹ: