

The Glory of His Appearing

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Ezekiel 1:1-9

God reveals himself in creative and stunning ways. To Abram, He appeared as a smoking firepot and torch (Genesis 15:17). To Moses, God appeared in a burning bush (Exodus 3:2). God appeared to the Israelites as a pillar of cloud in the daylight, and a pillar of fire protecting and illuminating their night (Exodus 13:21). Isaiah saw the "Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple" (Isaiah 6:1). Each vision was unique and powerful. No one could encounter this God and remain the same. God was not any one of these things, they only hint at the greater reality. He was, and is, so much more.

The exiled priest, Ezekiel, has his own unique vision of God while living among the Jewish captives in Babylon. Ezekiel sees God approaching like a glowing storm surrounded by heavenly cherubim, fantastic "living creatures." God was on the move and things would not be the same.

We often pray for God to make His presence known in our situation, our family, our church, or our society—and He will.

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