

Shavuot, Haftarah, Day 1

Ezekiel 1:1-28

(1) In the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, when I was in the community of exiles by the Chebar Canal, the heavens opened and I saw visions of God. (2) On the fifth day of the month—it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin— (3) the word of the LORD came to the priest Ezekiel son of Buzi, by the Chebar Canal, in the land of the Chaldeans. And the hand of the LORD came upon him there. (4) I looked, and lo, a stormy wind came sweeping out of the north—a huge cloud and flashing fire, surrounded by a radiance; and in the center of it, in the center of the fire, a gleam as of amber. (5) In the center of it were also the figures of four creatures. And this was their appearance: They had the figures of human beings. (6) However, each had four faces, and each of them had four wings; (7) the legs of each were [fused into] a single rigid leg, and the feet of each were like a single calf's hoof; and their sparkle was like the luster of burnished bronze. (8) They had human hands below their wings. The four of them had their faces and their wings on

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(א) וַיְהִי | בְּשָׁלְשִׁים שָׁנָה בְּרַבִּיעֵי
בַחֲמִשָּׁה לַחֹדֶשׁ וְאָנִי בְּתוֹךְ-הַגּוֹלָה
עַל-נְהַר-כְּבַר נִפְתְּחוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאָרָאָה
מֵרְאוֹת אֱלֹהִים: (ב) בַחֲמִשָּׁה לַחֹדֶשׁ הִיא
הַשָּׁנָה הַחֲמִישִׁית לְגָלוֹת הַמֶּלֶךְ יוֹיָכִין: (ג)
הָיָה הַיָּה דְבַר-יְהוָה אֵלַי יְחִזְקֵאל בֶּן-בוּזִי
הַכֹּהֵן בְּאֶרֶץ כְּשָׂדִים עַל-נְהַר-כְּבַר וַתְּהִי
עָלַי שָׁם יַד-יְהוָה: (ד) וְאָרָא וְהִנֵּה רוּחַ
סַעֲרָה בָּאָה מִן-הַצָּפוֹן עָנָן גָּדוֹל וְאֶשׁ
מִתְלַקַּחַת וְנִגְוָה לוֹ סָבִיב וּמִתּוֹכָהּ כְּעֵין
הַחֲשֵׁמֶל מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ: (ה) וּמִתּוֹכָהּ דְמוֹת
אַרְבַּע חַיּוֹת וְזֶה מֵרְאִיָּהֶן דְמוֹת אָדָם
לְהֵנָּה: (ו) וְאַרְבַּעַה פָּנִים לְאַחַת וְאַרְבַּע
כַּנְפִּים לְאַחַת לָהֶם: (ז) וְרַגְלֵיהֶם רֵגְלֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכַף רַגְלֵיהֶם כַּכַּף רֵגְלֵי עֹגֵל וְנִצְצִים
כְּעֵין נְחֹשֶׁת קָלִיל: (ח) וַיְדוּ [וַיְדִי] אָדָם
מִתַּחַת כַּנְפֵיהֶם עַל אַרְבַּעַת רַבְעֵיהֶם
וּפְנֵיהֶם וְכַנְפֵיהֶם לְאַרְבַּעַתָּם: (ט) חִבְרַת
אִשָּׁה אֵל-אַחֻתָהּ כַּנְפֵיהֶם לֹא-יִסְבוּ
בְּלִכְתָּן אִישׁ אֶל-עֵבֶר פָּנָיו יִלְכוּ: (י) וּדְמוֹת
פְּנֵיהֶם פְּנֵי אָדָם וּפְנֵי אַרְיֵה אֵל-הַיַּמִּין

their four sides. (9) Each one's wings touched those of the other. They did not turn when they moved; each could move in the direction of any of its faces. (10) Each of them had a human face [at the front]; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right; each of the four had the face of an ox on the left; and each of the four had the face of an eagle [at the back]. (11) Such were their faces. As for their wings, they were separated: above, each had two touching those of the others, while the other two covered its body. (12) And each could move in the direction of any of its faces; they went wherever the spirit impelled them to go, without turning when they moved. (13) Such then was the appearance of the creatures. With them was something that looked like burning coals of fire. This fire, suggestive of torches, kept moving about among the creatures; the fire had a radiance, and lightning issued from the fire. (14) Dashing to and fro [among] the creatures was something that looked like flares. (15) As I gazed on the creatures, I saw one wheel on the ground next to each of the four-faced creatures. (16) As for the appearance and structure of the wheels, they gleamed like beryl. All four had the same form; the appearance and structure of each was as of two wheels cutting through each other. (17) And when they moved, each could move in the direction of any of its four quarters; they did not veer when they moved. (18) Their rims were tall and frightening, for the rims of all four were covered all over with eyes. (19) And when the creatures moved forward, the wheels moved at their sides; and when the creatures were borne above the earth, the wheels were borne too. (20) Wherever the spirit impelled them to go, they went—wherever the spirit impelled them—and the wheels were borne alongside them; for the spirit of the creatures was in the wheels. (21) When those moved, these moved; and when those stood still, these stood still; and when those were borne above the earth, the wheels were borne alongside them—for the spirit of

לְאַרְבַּעַתֶּם וּפְנֵי־שׁוֹר מִהַשְּׂמָאוֹל לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן וּפְנֵי־נֶשֶׁר לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן: (יא) וּפְנֵיהֶם וּכְנִפֵיהֶם פְּרָדוֹת מִלְמַעְלָה לְאִישׁ שְׁתֵּים הַבְּרוֹת אִישׁ וּשְׁתֵּים מְכֹסוֹת אֶת גּוֹיֹתֵיהֶנָּה: (יב) וְאִישׁ אֶל־עֵבֶר פָּנָיו יִלְכוּ אֶל אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה־שָׁמָּה הַרוּחַ לְלַכֵּת יִלְכוּ לֹא יִסְבוּ בְּלִכְתָּן: (יג) וּדְמוּת הַחַיּוֹת מִרְאִיהֶם כְּגַח־לִי־אֵשׁ בְּעֵרוֹת כְּמִרְאֵה הַלְּפָדִים הִיא מִתְהַלֶּכֶת בֵּין הַחַיּוֹת וְנִגָּה לְאֵשׁ וּמִן־הָאֵשׁ יוֹצֵא בָּרָק: (יד) וְהַחַיּוֹת רָצוּא וְשׁוֹב כְּמִרְאֵה הַבּוֹק: (טו) וְאֶרָא הַחַיּוֹת וְהַנְּהֹ אֹפֶן אֶחָד בְּאַרְץ אֶצֶל הַחַיּוֹת לְאַרְבַּעַת פָּנָיו: (טז) מִרְאֵה הָאוֹפָנִים וּמַעֲשֵׂיהֶם כְּעֵין תַּרְשִׁישׁ וּדְמוּת אֶחָד לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן וּמִרְאִיהֶם וּמַעֲשֵׂיהֶם כְּאֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה הָאוֹפֶן בְּתוֹךְ הָאוֹפֶן: (יז) עַל־אַרְבַּעַת רַבְעֵיהֶן בְּלִכְתָּם יִלְכוּ לֹא יִסְבוּ בְּלִכְתָּן: (יח) וְגִבְיָהֶן וְגִבְהַ לָּהֶם וְיִרְאֵה לָּהֶם וְגִבְתָּם מְלֹאת עֵינַיִם סָבִיב לְאַרְבַּעַתָּן: (יט) וּבְלִכְתֵּי הַחַיּוֹת יִלְכוּ הָאוֹפָנִים אֶצְלָם וּבְהִנְשָׂא הַחַיּוֹת מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ יִנְשְׂאוּ הָאוֹפָנִים: (כ) עַל אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה־שָׁם הַרוּחַ לְלַכֵּת יִלְכוּ שָׁמָּה הַרוּחַ לְלַכֵּת וְהָאוֹפָנִים יִנְשְׂאוּ לְעַמְתָּם כִּי רוּחַ הַחַיָּה בְּאוֹפָנִים: (כא) בְּלִכְתָּם יִלְכוּ וּבְעַמְדָּם יַעֲמְדוּ וּבְהִנְשָׂאָם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ יִנְשְׂאוּ הָאוֹפָנִים לְעַמְתָּם כִּי רוּחַ הַחַיָּה בְּאוֹפָנִים: (כב) וּדְמוּת עַל־רֵאשֵׁי הַחַיָּה רָקִיעַ כְּעֵין הַקָּרַח הַנּוֹרָא נְטוּי עַל־רֵאשֵׁיהֶם מִלְמַעְלָה: (כג) וְתַחַת הַרָקִיעַ כְּנִפֵיהֶם יִשְׂרוֹת אִשָּׁה אֶל־אַחוֹתָהּ לְאִישׁ שְׁתֵּים מְכֹסוֹת לְהִנָּה וּלְאִישׁ שְׁתֵּים מְכֹסוֹת לְהִנָּה אֶת גּוֹיֹתֵיהֶם: (כד) וְאֲשַׁמַּע אֶת־קוֹל כְּנִפֵיהֶם כְּקוֹל מַיִם רַבִּים כְּקוֹל־שֹׁדֵי בְּלִכְתָּם קוֹל הַמֶּלֶךְ כְּקוֹל מַחֲנֶה בְּעַמְדָּם תִּרְפִּינָה כְּנִפֵיהֶן: (כה) וְיִהְיֶה־קוֹל מֵעַל לְרָקִיעַ אֲשֶׁר עַל־רֵאשֵׁם בְּעַמְדָּם תִּרְפִּינָה כְּנִפֵיהֶן: (כו) וּמִמֵּעַל לְרָקִיעַ אֲשֶׁר עַל־רֵאשֵׁם כְּמִרְאֵה

the creatures was in the wheels. (22) Above the heads of the creatures was a form: an expanse, with an awe-inspiring gleam as of crystal, was spread out above their heads. (23) Under the expanse, each had one pair of wings extended toward those of the others; and each had another pair covering its body. (24) When they moved, I could hear the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the sound of Shaddai, a tumult like the din of an army. When they stood still, they would let their wings droop. (25) From above the expanse over their heads came a sound. When they stood still, they would let their wings droop. (26) Above the expanse over their heads was the semblance of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and on top, upon this semblance of a throne, there was the semblance of a human form. (27) From what appeared as his loins up, I saw a gleam as of amber—what looked like a fire encased in a frame; and from what appeared as his loins down, I saw what looked like fire. There was a radiance all about him. (28) Like the appearance of the bow which shines in the clouds on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. That was the appearance of the semblance of the Presence of the LORD. When I beheld it, I flung myself down on my face. And I heard the voice of someone speaking.

Ezekiel 3:12

(12) Then a spirit carried me away, and behind me I heard a great roaring sound: “Blessed is the Presence of the LORD, in His place,”

אֲבֹן־סַפִּיר דְמוֹת כֶּסֶא וְעַל דְמוֹת הַכֶּסֶא
דְמוֹת כְּמֵרָאָה אָדָם עָלָיו מִלְמַעְלָה: (כז)
וְאָרָא | כְּעֵין חֲשֵׁמֶל כְּמֵרָאָה־אֵשׁ בֵּית־לֵה
סָבִיב מְמֵרָאָה מִתְנִיּוֹ וּלְמַעְלָה וּמֵמֵרָאָה
מִתְנִיּוֹ וּלְמַטָּה רְאִיתִי כְּמֵרָאָה־אֵשׁ וְנִגְהָ לִּי
סָבִיב: (כח) כְּמֵרָאָה הַקֹּשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר יְהִיָּה
בְּעֵנָן בַּיּוֹם הַגֹּשֶׁם כֵּן מֵרָאָה הַנִּגְהָ סָבִיב
הוּא מֵרָאָה דְמוֹת כְּבוֹד־יְהוָה וְאָרָאָה
וְאֶפֶל עַל־פְּנֵי וְאֶשְׁמַע קוֹל מְדַבֵּר: (ס)

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(יב) וַתִּשְׁאַנֵּי רוּחַ וְאֶשְׁמַע אַחֲרַי קוֹל רַעַשׁ
גָּדוֹל בָּרוּךְ כְּבוֹד־יְהוָה מִמְּקוֹמוֹ:

