

The Living Creatures *of Ezekiel I*

Whither the Spirit was to go they went



Isaiah 6:8

***Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?
Then said I,
Here am I; send me***

The colour of Amber

Ezekiel 1:4

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof **as the colour of amber**, out of the midst of the fire.

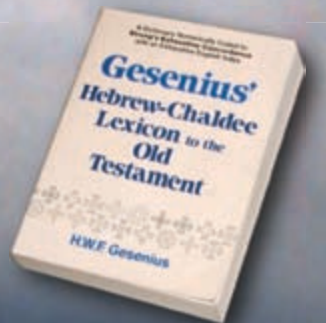
Definition: **Colour**

Strong's #5869 `ayin
the eye, physical eye, fountain



Definition: **Amber**

Strong's #2830 chashmal
of brass made smooth, i.e. polished
LXX. translate it electrum, which words are not to be understood as used for amber, but for a kind of metal of remarkable brightness compounded of gold and silver;



The colour of Amber: Electrum

Gold:

1 Peter 1:7

That the **trial of your faith**, being much **more precious than of gold** that perisheth, **though it be tried with fire**, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Silver:

1 Peter 1:18

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were **not redeemed** with corruptible things, **as silver and gold**, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers...

The colour of Amber: Electrum

A Compound of Gold & Silver

Romans 4:5

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Imputed Righteousness that comes by faith

The colour of Amber: Electrum

A Compound of Gold & Silver

Zechariah 13:9

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, Yahweh is my God.

Acts 14:22

....we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Ezekiel 1:5

*Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of
four living creatures.*



The Cherubim

Ezekiel 1:5-6

Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of **four living creatures**. And this was their appearance; they had the **likeness of a man**. And every one had **four faces**, and every one had **four wings**.



The Cherubim

Ezekiel 1:7-8

And their **feet were straight feet**; and the sole of their feet was **like the sole of a calf's foot**; and they sparkled like the **colour of burnished brass**. And they had the **hands of a man** under their wings on their four sides; and **they four had their faces and their wings**.



The Cherubim

Ezekiel 1:9-10

Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.



What are these creatures?

Ezekiel 1:1

...the heavens were opened,
and **I saw visions of God.**

Ezekiel 1:28

...This was the **appearance of the glory of Yahweh...**

Ezekiel 1:5

...And this was their
appearance; they **had the likeness of a man**

God Manifested in Flesh

The Wings

Ezekiel 1:6

And every one had four faces, and every one had **four wings.**

Definition: Wings

3671 kanaph כָּנַף

wing, extremity, edge,
winged, border, corner, skirt

To cover, cover over, a wing
called from its covering



Details of the Cherubim

Covering:

Exodus 25:20

And the cherubíms shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings...



Details of the Cherubím

Wings Joined

Ezekiel 1:9

Their **wings were joined one to another**; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

Ezekiel 1:11

Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; **two wings of every one were joined one to another**, and two covered their bodies.

Fellowship

Yahweh's Wings

Psalm 18:10

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Psalm 104:3-4

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:



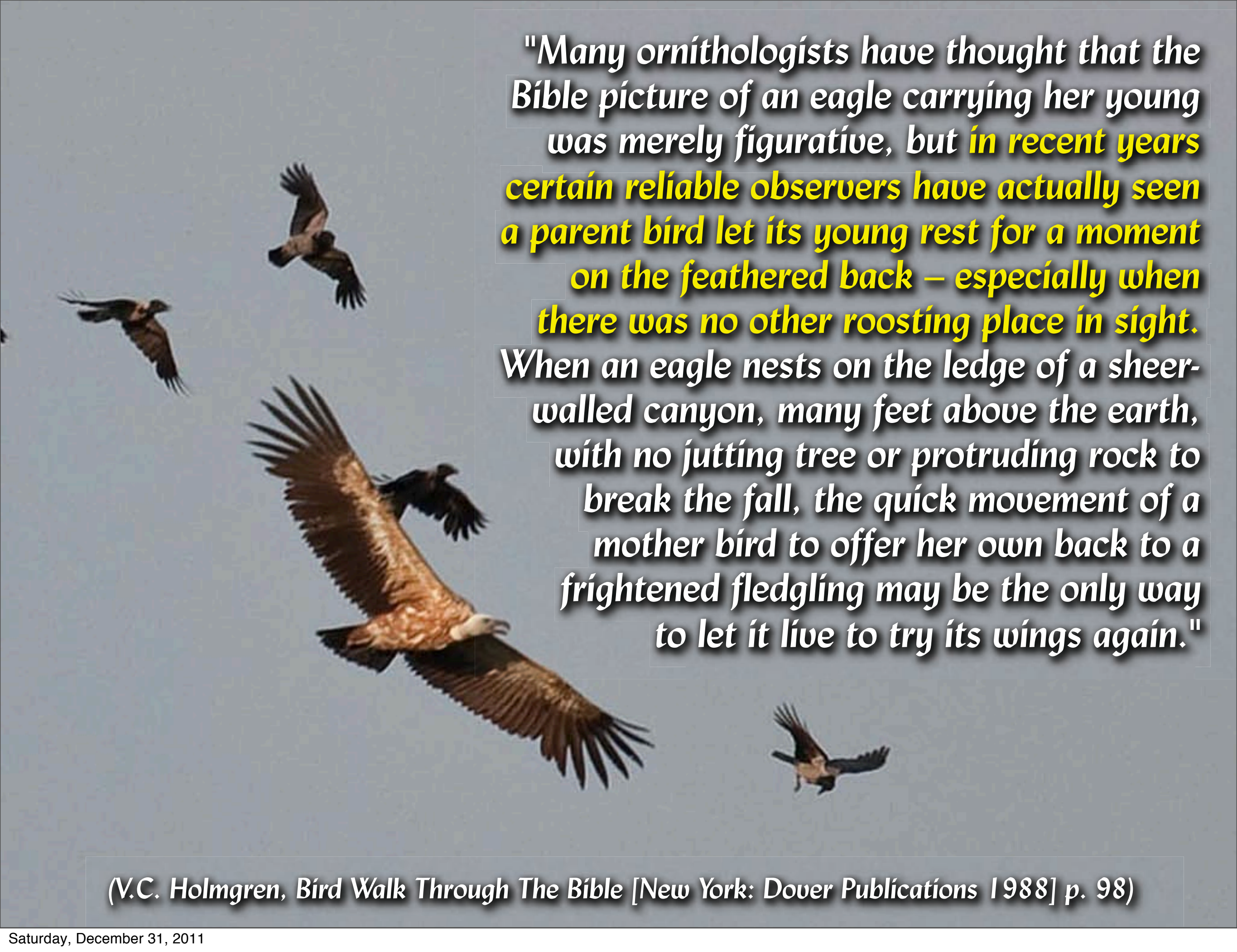
Yahweh's Wings

Exodus 19:4

**Ye have seen
what I did unto
the Egyptians,
and how I bare
you on eagles'
wings, and
brought you
unto myself.**



The Israeli Griffín Vulture



"Many ornithologists have thought that the Bible picture of an eagle carrying her young was merely figurative, but **in recent years certain reliable observers have actually seen a parent bird let its young rest for a moment on the feathered back – especially when there was no other roosting place in sight.** When an eagle nests on the ledge of a sheer-walled canyon, many feet above the earth, with no jutting tree or protruding rock to break the fall, the quick movement of a mother bird to offer her own back to a frightened fledgling may be the only way to let it live to try its wings again."

(V.C. Holmgren, *Bird Walk Through The Bible* [New York: Dover Publications 1988] p. 98)

Wings of Protection

Deuteronomy 32:11-13

As **an eagle** stirreth
up her nest,
fluttereth over her
young, spreadeth
abroad her wings,
taketh them,
beareth them on her
wings: So Yahweh
alone did lead him,
and there was no
strange god with
him. He made him
ride on the high
places of the
earth...



Wings of the Covenant

Ruth 3:9

I am Ruth thine
handmaid: **spread
therefore thy skirt
[wings]** over thine
handmaid; for thou art
a near kinsman.

Ezekiel 16:8

Now when I passed by thee,
and looked upon thee,
behold, thy time was the
time of love; and **I spread
my skirt [wings] over thee,
and covered thy nakedness:**
yea, I swear unto thee, and
entered into a covenant with
thee, saith the Lord Yahweh,
and thou becamest mine.



**Displaying the
attribute of the Wings:**

James 1:27

**Pure religion
and undefiled
before God and
the Father is
this, **To visit the
fatherless and
widows in their
affliction** and to
keep himself
unspotted from
the world.**



Wings of Protection

Wings of Truth



Psalm 91:4

He shall **cover thee**
with his feathers, and
under his wings shalt
thou trust: his truth
shall be thy shield and
buckler.

Zechariah 8:23

that ten men... **shall**
take hold of the skirt
of him that is a Jew,
saying, We will go
with you: for we have
heard that God is
with you.

Displaying the attribute of the Wings:

Philippians 2:15-16

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life...

Wings of Truth

Despising the Wings...

Luke 13:34

O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, which
killest the prophets,
and stonest them
that are sent unto
thee; **how often**
would I have
gathered thy
children together,
as a hen doth
gather her brood
under her wings,
and **ye would not!**



Wings of Judgment

Deuteronomy 28:49

Yahweh shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand

Matthew 24:28

For wheresoever the carcase is, **there will the eagles be gathered together.**



Renewed Strength



Malachi 4:2

But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;** and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall...

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon Yahweh shall renew their strength; **they shall mount up with wings as eagles;** they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Noise of the Wings

Ezekiel 1:24

And when they went, I heard the **noise of their wings**, like the **noise of great waters**, as the **voice of the Almighty**, the **voice of speech**, as the **noise of an host**: when they stood, they let down their wings.

Ezekiel 3:12-13

Then the spirit took me up, and **I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing**, saying, Blessed be the glory of Yahweh from his place. **I heard also the noise of the wings** of the living creatures that touched one another...

Multitudinous Imagery

Noise of the Wings

Revelation 1:15 - Multitudinous Christ

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and **his voice as the sound of many waters.**

Revelation 14:2

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the **voice of many waters...**

Revelation 19:6

And I heard as it were **the voice of a great multitude**, and **as the voice of many waters**, and as the voice of mighty thunderings...

Multitudinous Imagery



Noise of the Wings

Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were **all with one accord [a man of one]** in one place. And suddenly there came **a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them **cloven tongues like as of fire**, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit**, and began to **speak** with other tongues, **as the Spirit gave them utterance**

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved [Rushed]** by the **Holy Spirit**.

Multitudinous Imagery

Lesson of the Wings

- ▶ The Cherubim have the divine characteristic of wings signifying both protection and judgment
- ▶ They are borne of the spirit - carried by the ruach
- ▶ They have been covered under Yahweh's wings in which they have come to trust
- ▶ They are joined in fellowship
- ▶ Now are involved in covering others with the truth



Straight Feet

Ezekiel 1:7

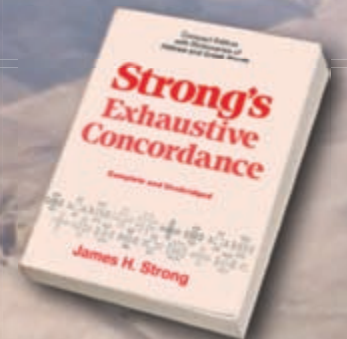
And their **feet were straight feet**; and the sole of their feet was **like the sole of a calf's foot**; and they sparkled **like the colour of burnished brass**.

Definition: straight

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straight, upright, correct, right, right, pleasing, correct, straightforward, just, upright, fitting, proper, uprightness, righteous, upright

Details of the Cherubim



Straight Feet

1 Kings 15:5

Because David did that which was **right (Yasher) in the eyes of Yahweh**, and **turned not aside** from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

Psalms 107:7

And he **led them forth by the right (Yasher) way**, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Details of the Cherubim



Straight Feet

Hosea 14:9

Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for **the ways of Yahweh are right, (Yasher)** and **the just shall walk in them:** but the transgressors shall fall therein.

Details of the Cherubim



Straight Feet

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of Yahweh; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Romans 10:15

...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Details of the Cherubim



Feet of Brass

Brass = Flesh

Numbers 21:9

And Moses made **a serpent of brass**, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Burnished - subject to affliction

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, **though it be tried with fire**, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Acts 14:22

...exhorting them...that we must **through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**



Lesson of the Feet

- ▶ The Cherubim are “God manifested in flesh.”
- ▶ They walk uprightly in righteousness - departing not to the right hand or the left
- ▶ Their feet bring the Gospel of Peace (Romans 10:15)
- ▶ They are subject to affliction



Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold **one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures**, with his four faces. (Ezekiel 1:15)



The
Wheels

Daniel 7:9-10

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 was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.** A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened



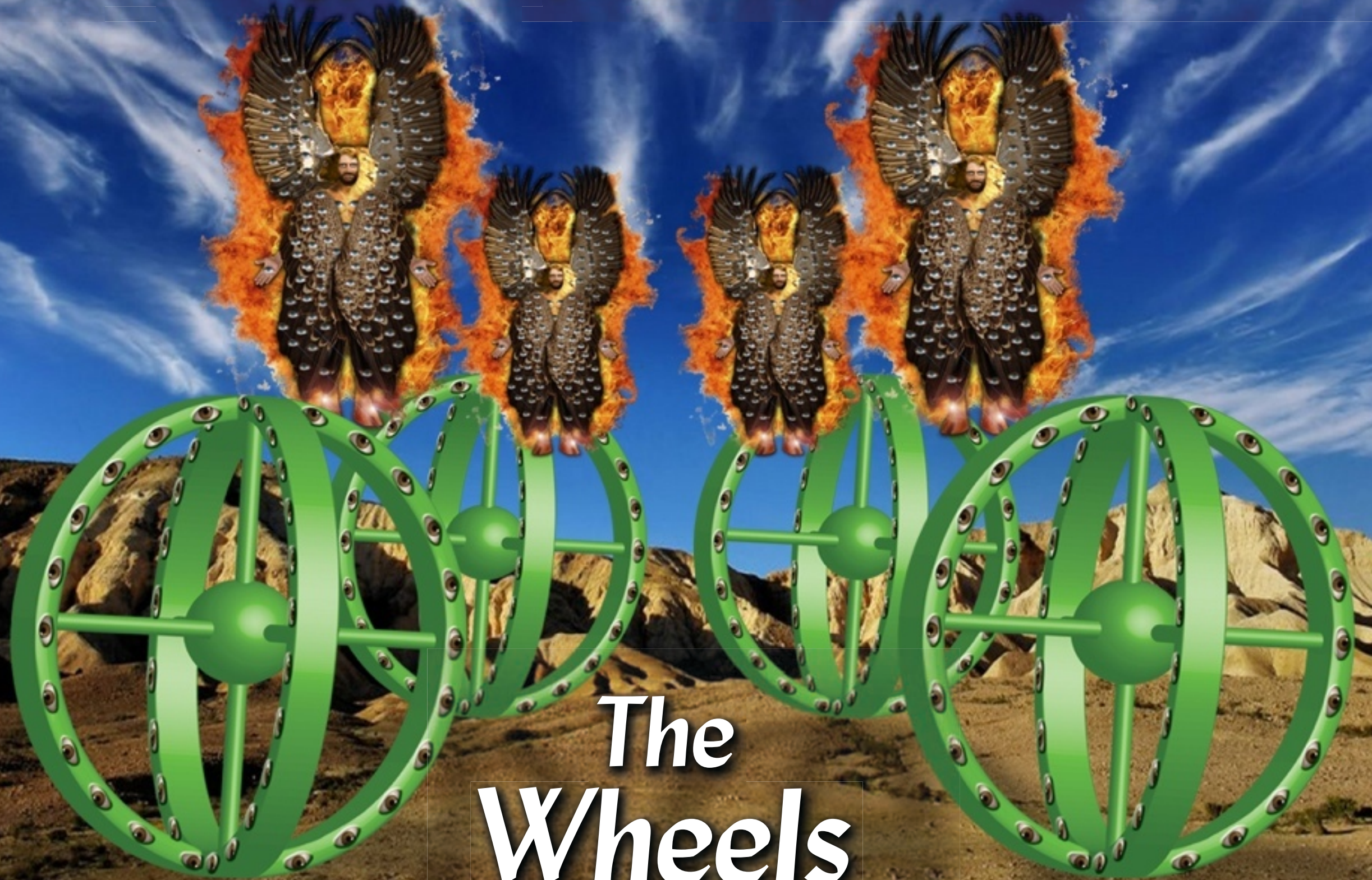
Daniel's Vision

The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were **a wheel in the middle of a wheel.** (Ezekiel 1:16)



The Wheels

And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, **and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.** (Ezekiel 10:12)



The Wheels

Colour of a Beryl

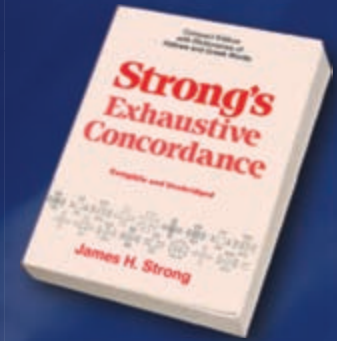
Defínition: Beryl

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a precious stone

perhaps a chrysolite, yellow-jasper (light green)

colour is that of a new chute - a yellow-green



Exodus 28:20

And **the fourth row a beryl**, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings

Ezekiel 28:13

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; **every precious stone was thy covering**, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, **the beryl...**



The Wheels

Colour of a Beryl

Colour of the Saints:

Song of Sol 5:14 - the Beloved

His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl:
his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with
sapphires.

Daniel 10:5-6 - the Man of One

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and
behold a **certain man [man of one]**: clothed in
linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold
of Uphaz: **His body also was like the beryl,**
and his face as the appearance of lightning,
and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and
his feet like in colour to polished brass, and
the voice of his words like the **voice of a**
multitude.

The Wheels

Colour of a Beryl

Ezekiel 28:13

Precious Stone:

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; **every precious stone was thy covering**, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, **the beryl...**

Malachi 3:16-17

Then they that feared Yahweh spake often one to another: and Yahweh hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon his name. And **they shall be mine, saith Yahweh of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels**; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

The **Wheels**

Colour of a Beryl

Precious Stone:

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then **ye shall be a peculiar treasure [Jewels]** unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar [special treasure] people;** that ye should **shew forth the praises [characteristics]** of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

The Wheels

Why? To manifest God

Colour of a Beryl

Newness of Life:

Ephesians 4:24

And that **ye put on the new man**, which after God **is created in righteousness** and true holiness.

Colossians 3:9-10

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And **have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him:

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

The Wheels

Movements:

Directed by the Spirit:

Ezekiel 1:19-21

And when the living creatures went, **the wheels went by them**: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 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 over against them: **for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.**



The Wheels

Movements:

Directed by the Spirit:

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come

Romans 8:14

For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, **they are the sons of God**.

Galatians 5:25

If we live in the Spirit, **let us also walk in the Spirit**.

The **Wheels**

Movements:

Directed by the Spirit:

Ezekiel 10:11

When they went, they went upon their four sides; **they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.**

Matthew 16:24

...If any man will come after come after me let him take up his cross and **follow me...**

Matthew 19:27

...We have forsaken all and **followed thee..**

The **Wheels**

Movements:

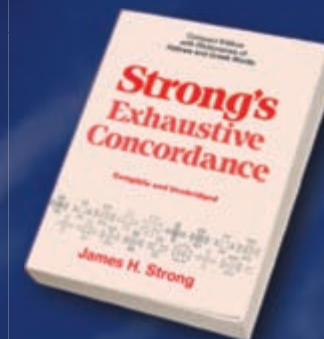


Defínition: Wheel (1st word)

212 'owphan אֹפָן

meaning to revolve

wheel, chariot wheel, wheels of the ten bases
beneath the lavers in Solomon's temple



Eliezer BenYehuda when reviving
the Hebrew language needed a
word for Bicycle.... he made a
hybrid word from owphan

Hebrew: אופניים (ofanáim)

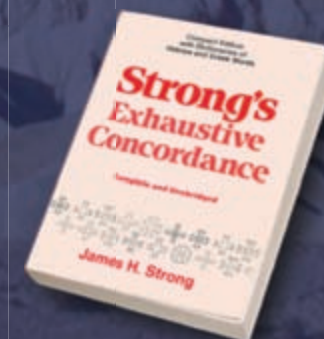


Defínition: Wheel (2nd Word)

1534 galgal גָּלָל

rolling thing

wheel, whirl, whirlwind, whirling



The Wheels

Movements:

Instructed to Whirl:

Ezekiel 10:13

As for the **wheels** [owphan],
it was cried unto them in my hearing,
Oh **Wheel!** [gílgal-WHIRL/ROLL!]

Joshua 5:9

And Yahweh said unto Joshua, This day
have **I rolled away** the reproach of Egypt
from off you. Wherefore the name of the
place is called **Gílgal** unto this day.

Psalms 37:5-6

**Commit thy way [rolled thyself toward
(onto)] unto Yahweh;** trust also in him; and
he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring
forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy
judgment as the noonday.

c/p Psa 22:8; Prov 16:3

The Wheels

Movements:

Instructed to Whirl:

John 6:63 - energized by the WORD OF GOD

It is the spírít that quíckeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spírít, and they are life.**

Ezekiel 1:14

And the líving creatures **ran and returned** as the appearance of a flash of líghtníng

The **Wheels**

Movements:

Lesson of the Wheels:

- ▶ The Wheels are the colour Beryl, the colour of a new chute of a plant signifying new growth - signifying they are to walk in newness of life as the new man Eph 4:24; Col 3:9-10
- ▶ They are precious precious jewels because they fear Yahweh and thought often upon his name (Mal 3:16). They are a “special treasure” or a “peculiar people” (Exodus 19:5) who are to “show forth the praises” or virtues/characteristics of Yahweh. (1 Peter 2:5)
- ▶ They are directed by the Spirit of Yahweh and consequently are the Sons of God (Romans 8:14)
- ▶ They are commanded to “Whirl” (10:13) signifying they are to be constantly employed in the work of God.
- ▶ They are to Roll With Yahweh (Psa 22:8) – meaning of “trusted” = to roll with (galal, related to gilgal). They are to roll their ways and works with Yahweh (Psa 37:5-6, Prov 16:3).

The Wheels

**The Cherubím are a representation
of perfect díscípleshíp**



**They are God
Manífest ín the flesh**