

Righteous Wrath and Sovereign Grace

Lesson 5: Ezekiel 10-11

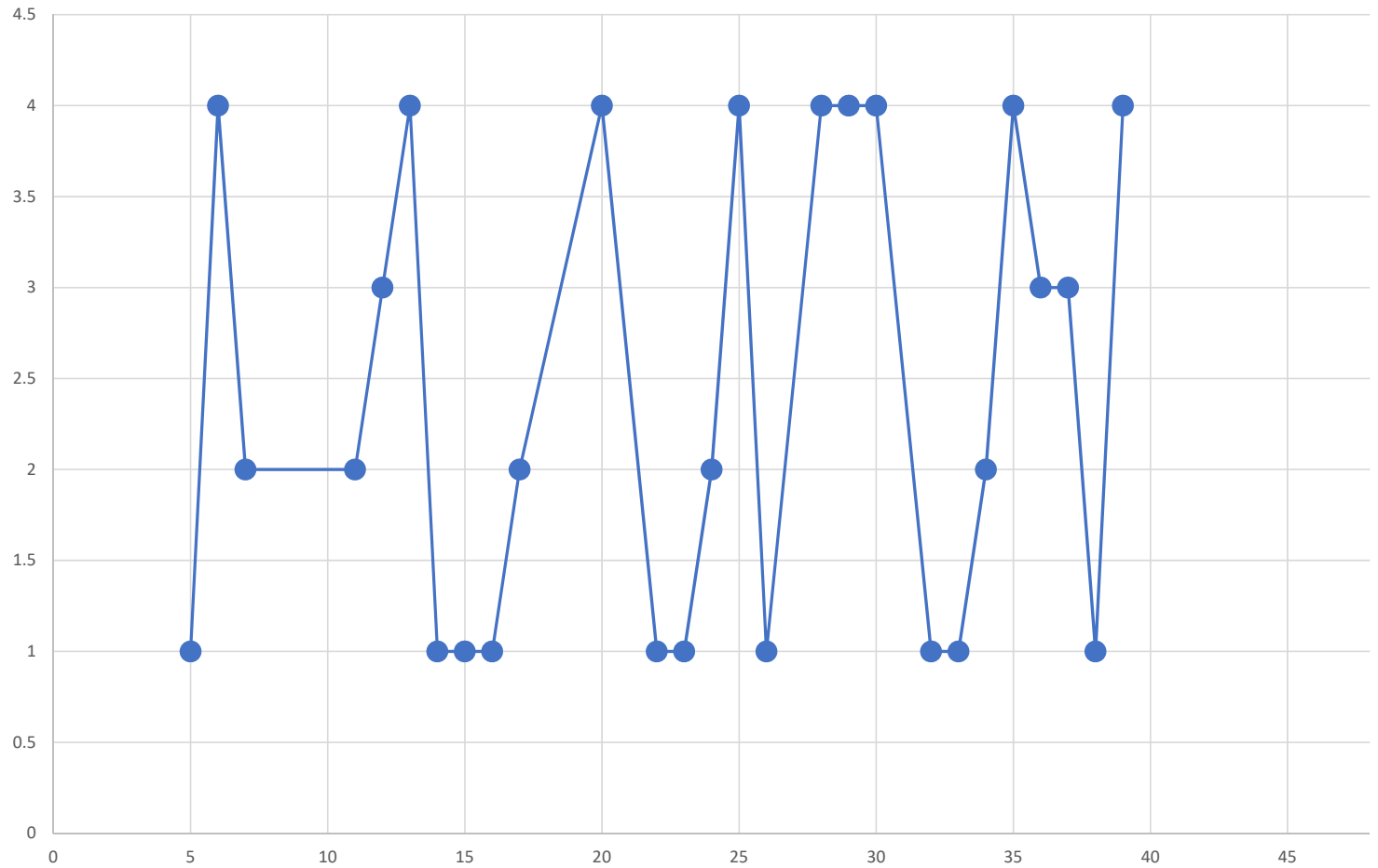
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Ezekiel Outline

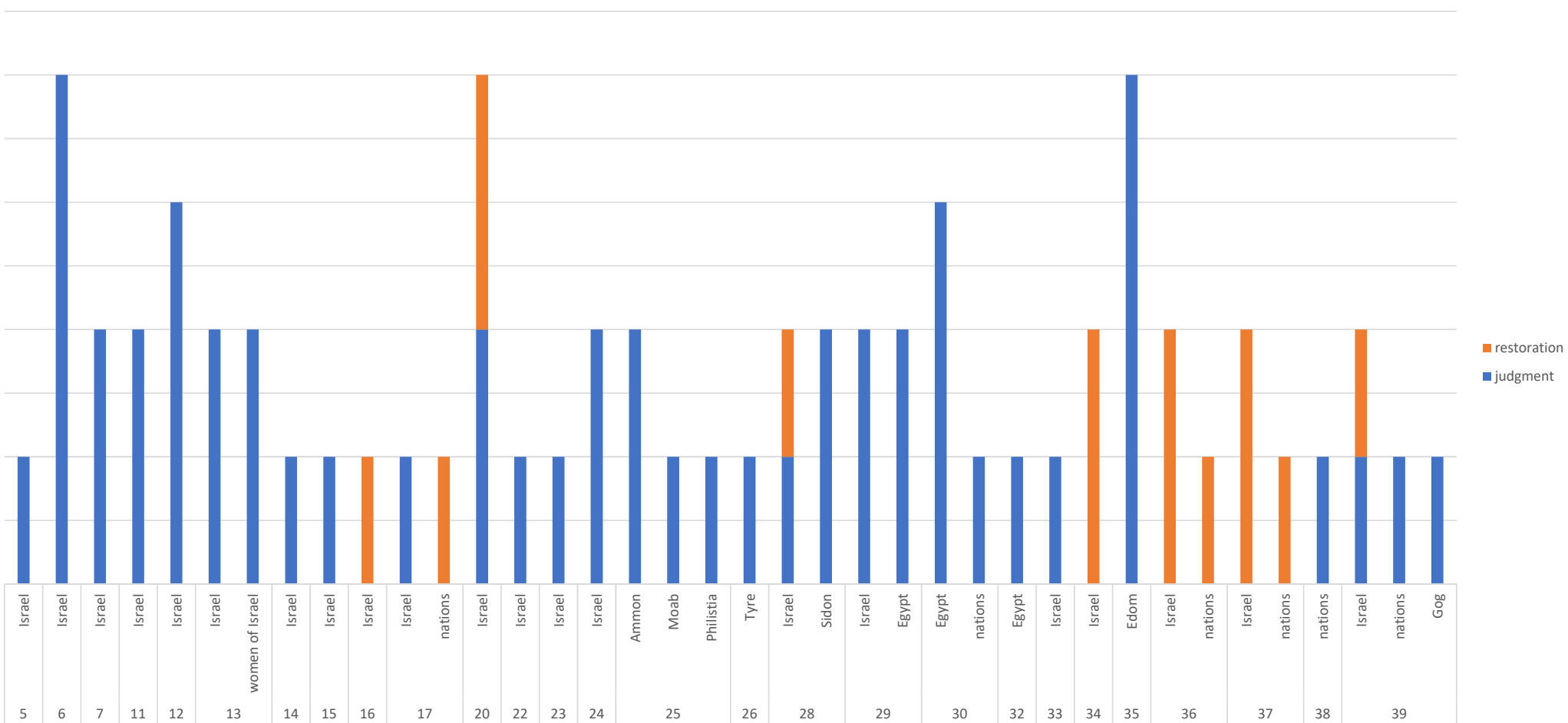
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Then they will know that I am the LORD

- Distribution
- Significance



Then they will know that I am the LORD



Chapter 10 Outline

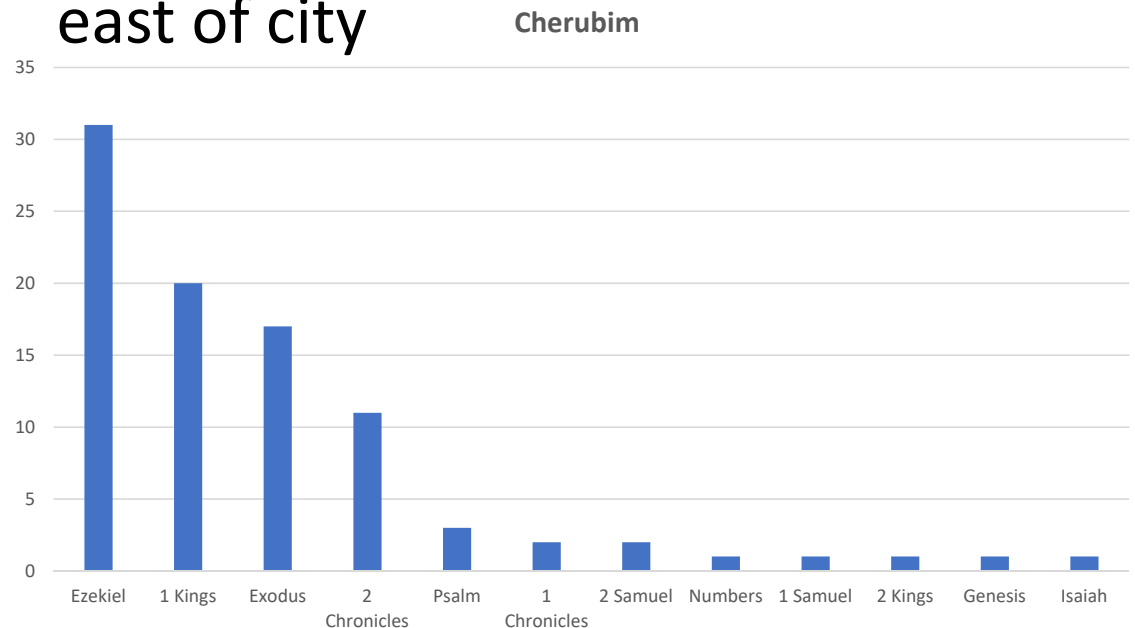
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Second command to the man in linen Ezekiel 10:1-5

¹Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them. ²And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, “Enter **between** the whirling wheels under the cherubim and fill your hands with coals of fire from **between** the cherubim and scatter *them* over the city.” And he entered in my sight.

³Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the inner court. ⁴Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD. ⁵Moreover, the **sound** of the wings of the cherubim was heard as far as the outer court, like the **voice** of God Almighty when He speaks.

- Whirling wheels: 2, 6, 13
- Wheels: 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 19
- Movement of glory: cherub, threshold, cherubim, east gate, east of city



The obedience of the man in linen Ezekiel 10:6-10

⁶It came about when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, “Take fire **from between** the whirling wheels, **from between** the cherubim,” he entered and stood beside a **wheel**. ⁷Then the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire which was between the cherubim, took *some* and put *it* into the hands of the one clothed in linen, who took *it* and went out. ⁸The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man’s hand under their wings.

⁹Then I looked, and behold, four **wheels** beside the cherubim, one **wheel** beside each cherub; and the **appearance** of the **wheels** was like the gleam of a Tarshish stone. ¹⁰As for their **appearance**, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one **wheel** were within another **wheel**.

- Second command to man in linen
- Further description of the cherubim and the wheels

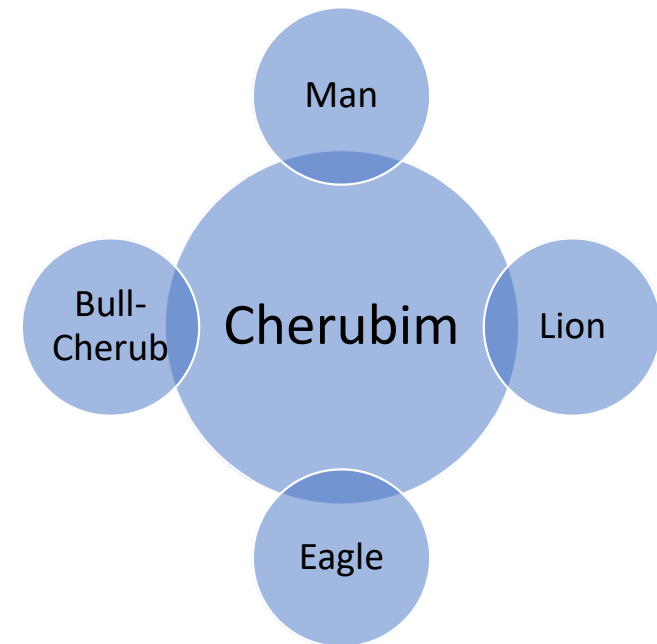
Further description of cherubim and wheels Ezekiel 10:11-15

¹¹When they moved, they went in *any of* their four directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which they faced, without turning as they went. ¹²Their whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings and the wheels were full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them. ¹³The wheels were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels. ¹⁴And each one had four faces. The first face *was* the face of a cherub, the second face *was* the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

¹⁵Then the cherubim rose up. They are the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar.

- Straight movement
- Eyes everywhere
- Cherubim faces comparison

Chapter 1	Chapter 10
Man	Cherub
Lion (right)	Man
Bull (left)	Lion
Eagle	Eagle

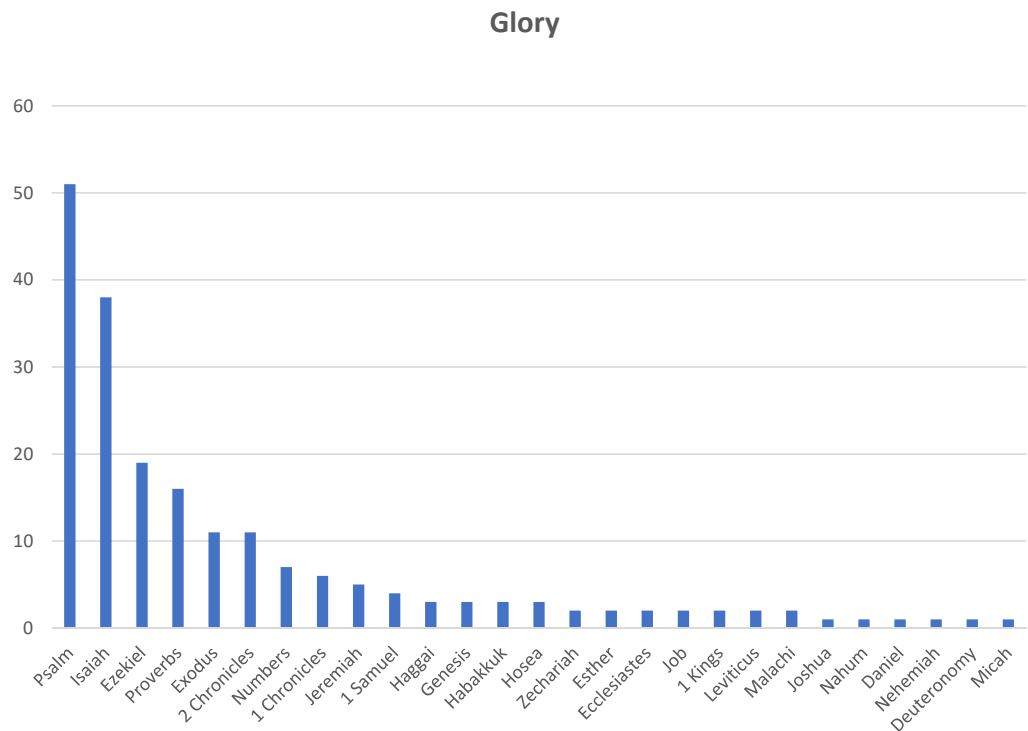


More movement of the glory of the LORD Ezekiel 10:16-19

¹⁶Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them. ¹⁷When the cherubim stood still, the wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the wheels would rise with them, for the spirit of the living beings *was* in them.

¹⁸Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. ¹⁹When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

- The glory moves to the east gate
- The cherubim are connected with God's movement



More movement of the glory of the LORD Ezekiel 10:20-22

²⁰These are the living beings that I saw
beneath the God of Israel by the river
Chebar; so I knew that they *were* cherubim.

²¹Each one had four faces and each one four
wings, and beneath their wings *was* the form
of human hands. ²²As for the likeness of their
faces, they were the same faces whose
appearance I had seen by the river Chebar.
Each one went straight ahead.

- The living beings are cherubim
- Important characteristics
 - Four faces
 - Four wings
 - Hands under the wings
 - They went straight ahead

Chapter 11 Outline

- 11:1-4 What those who devise iniquity say
- 11:5-12 What God says
- 11:13 Ezekiel's concern
- 11:14-15 What the inhabitants of Jerusalem say
- 11:16-21 What God says
- 11:22-25 The glory of the LORD leaves Jerusalem

What those who
devise iniquity say
Ezekiel 11:1-4

¹Moreover, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house which faced eastward. And behold, *there* were twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people. ²He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and give evil advice in this city, ³who say, '*The time* is not near to build houses. This *city* is the pot and we are the flesh.'
⁴Therefore, prophesy against them, son of man, prophesy!"

- There were problems with those remaining in the land
- Is the time near, or not near to build?
- What is the function of the pot?
 - Protection
 - Trapped in the city

What God says Ezekiel 11:5-11

⁵Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts. ⁶You have multiplied your **slain** in this city, filling its streets with **them**."

⁷Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of the city are the flesh and this *city* is the pot; but I will **bring** you out of it. ⁸You have feared a sword; so I will bring a sword upon you," the Lord GOD declares. ⁹"And I will **bring** you out of the midst of the city and deliver you into the hands of strangers and execute judgments against you. ¹⁰You will fall by the sword. I will judge you to the border of Israel; so you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹¹This *city* will not be a pot for you, nor will you be flesh in the midst of it, *but* I will judge you to the border of Israel.

- Those still alive were not the flesh, those they had killed were
- They would not be in the pot, but would be brought out
- Judgment would come
- Judgment shows who Yahweh is

What the inhabitants of Jerusalem say Ezekiel 11:12-15

¹²Thus you will know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor have you executed My **ordinances**, but have acted according to the **ordinances** of the nations around you.”””

¹³Now it came about as I prophesied, that Pelatiah son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, “Alas, Lord GOD! Will You bring the remnant of Israel to a complete end?”

¹⁴Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁵“Son of man, your brothers, your relatives, your fellow exiles and the whole house of Israel, all of them, *are those* to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Go far from the LORD; this land has been given us as a possession.’

- Yahweh’s statutes show who He is
- Those in Jerusalem were discouraging the exiles
- Those still in the land thought they would be able to stay

What God says Ezekiel 11:16-20

¹⁶Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.'" ¹⁷Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'" ¹⁸When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it. ¹⁹And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

- God would be a sanctuary to the exiles
- The exiles will be regathered
- There would be a change in the people
 - Removal of detestable things
 - One heart
 - New spirit
 - No more heart of stone
 - Heart of flesh

The glory of the LORD leaves Jerusalem Ezekiel 11:21-25

²¹But as for those whose hearts go after their detestable things and abominations, I will bring their conduct down on their heads," declares the Lord GOD.

²²Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

²³The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city. ²⁴And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen left me. ²⁵Then I told the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

- Judgment will come for those who don't turn from evil
- The glory of God leaves the city
- This completes the vision started in chapter 8

Summary

- God's judgment teaches us about Him
- God's salvation teaches us about Him
- God's statutes teach us about Him
- God is a sanctuary to His people
- Sinners need a new heart and a new spirit from God