

VEHICLES GOD USES TO TRAVEL THE UNIVERSE

Introduction/Premise

The vehicles in this week's study are physical objects to help us grasp the spiritual nature of Almighty God and how he communicates with mankind.

Let's begin the quiz...

Question 1

Name the three (3) heavens where God communicates with mankind.

- A. 1st Heaven - Read Genesis 1:20 atmospheric heaven
- B. 2nd Heaven - Read Genesis 1:16-17 celestial heaven
- C. 3rd Heaven - Read Deuteronomy 10:14 "Throne of God"

Question 2

What is the "heaven of heavens" in Deuteronomy 10:14?

- A. All the planets of the universe
- B. The stars and galaxies of space
- C. The Lord's thy God or "Throne of God"**
- D. All of the above

Question 3

God gives the prophet Ezekiel a vision of his glory in Ezekiel 1:1-28. How does Ezekiel describe the vision in vs.4-10?

While in vision, Ezekiel sees a chariot streaking across the sky with flaming wheel and inside was the God of Heaven seated upon the throne. As the chariot approaches, a mighty whirlwind appears; lightning streaks across the sky; the earth began to quake; and fire and flames lights up the sky.

Like a whirlwind... a great cloud, and a fire... a brightness was about it, was the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. had four faces, and every one had four wings... their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot... sparkled like the color of burnished brass... Their wings were joined one to another... their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion... the face of an ox on the left side... the face of an eagle.

Tell us about that “wheels” in vs.15-16 and vs.19-21. What do they represent?

Ezekiel describes the chariot as a “wheel in the middle of a wheel” with a vessel turned upside down, and on it sat the Son of Man. In his vision, God is revealing to **his chosen people they will return to the land promised to them through their Father Abraham**; and that the city of Jerusalem would be cleansed of sin, and evil will be destroyed.

And when the living creatures went, the wheels went... 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.

What message does God reveal to Ezekiel about the “wheel in the middle of a wheel v. 14-16?”

The “wheels” represents "cyclical" or "return to the beginning." Whereas, **"a wheel in the middle of a wheel" points to the connected relationship that exists with all descendants of Father Abraham through His "seed" across the ages of time**

And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the color 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.

Question 4

Tell if the following descriptions represent a pillar of clouds (PC) or pillar of fire (PF) found in Exodus 3:21-22 and Exodus 24:15-18...

PC Rises in the sky during the day to provide direction

PF Lowers at night to provide light and comfort

PC Cripples the sight of pharaoh’s army by providing sheer darkness

PC Moses walks into a "devouring fire" to receive the commandments

PC It descends at the door of tent (Tabernacle of the Congregation)

Question 5

The prophet Nahum in chapter 1:3 indicates the whirlwind reveals the power and might of God. The prophet Jeremiah in chapter 23:17-19 indicates the whirlwind is symbolic of God's fury and anger.

Who is correct?

- A. Prophet Nahum only
- B. Prophet Jeremiah only
- C. Both Nahum and Jeremiah**
- D. Neither Nahum or Jeremiah

Question 6

Why is Job speechless when God speaks to him out of the whirlwind as found in Job 37:1-24? Give a short summary of your answer and cite one or two references from their conversation in v.13...

Out of the whirlwind, God asks Job eight (8) questions. **Job dare not answer in the presence of Almighty God.** When God speaks in v.13 He says, "Listen to this Job; stop and consider God's wonders." In this chapter, **God is doing all the questioning.** What is particularly confusing and exciting to Job is that **God begins with all the answers and ends with all the questions.**

Question 7

What is lightning symbolic of in scriptures? Read Exodus 19:16-19, Matthew 24:27 and Psalm 144:6?

- A. The power and presence of God
- B. God's wrathful judgment against His enemies
- C. A sign of Jesus' second coming
- D. All of the above**

Question 8

Which of the following statement(s) about light is false.....

- A. God is light. John 1:4**
- B. God created both the visible and invisible electromagnetic spectrum of light for our use.

- C. Vision is reflected light that enters the eye and is transformed into electrical signals for the brain.
- D. The source of light is unknown; it is a mystery of heaven**

Question 9

In Acts 9:1-22, give a brief summary of how light was instrumental in converting Saul of Tarsus to Christianity.

The story goes that on his journey to Damascus a flash of light from heaven blinded Saul. Saul then heard the voice from heaven say "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me." After three days, the disciple Ananias was instructed to visit Saul and lay hands on him and the Bible record in Acts 9:18 that "scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again." It is believed that the light was a flash of lightning that led Saul to become a Christian.

Question 10

How does God use dreams and visions to communicate with mankind?

See Acts 2:17 and Romans 11:25

God tells His people in Romans 11:25 that **He would not have them ignorant concerning the things coming upon the Earth.**

In Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**

Question 11

In the Book of Daniel (Chapter 2, 7 and 8), God gives King Nebbuchadnezzar of Babylon a dream. What are the details of the dream? *Check all the apply to the dream...*

1. The King becomes troubled because He could not remember the dream

- 2. The King becomes mentally-ill and believes he is a wild animal
- 3. The King called magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers to the palace, but they could not reveal the dream
- 4. Daniel is called to the palace and describes the dream and gives the interpretation
- 5. Daniel describe a statue made of 4 different material that represents the four kingdoms of the world
- 6. The Babylonian Empire was the head of gold
- 7. The Medo-Persian Empire was the chest and arms of silver
- 8. The Greek Empire was the belly and thighs of bronze
- 9. The Roman Empire was the legs of iron with feet mingled with iron and clay
- 10. The Roman Empire adopts Christianity as the state church

Question 12

When does the 400 years of silence takes place...

- A. Between the Old Testament and the New Testament
- B. Between 430 BC to 5 BC
- C. Between the Book of Malachi and the Book of Matthew
- D. All of the above**

Question 13

Put these biblical and historical events in chronological order by placing the numbers 1 to 6 in order of occurrence ranging from - BC (Before Christ) to AD (Anno Domini)...

- 6 John's Revelation on Patmos
- 4 Birth of John the Baptist
- 1 The Creation (Genesis 1)
- 5 Birth of Jesus
- 2 Word of the LORD by Malachi
- 3 Alexander the Great rises to power

Question 14

The Bible is “a noisy book” when you consider how God communicates through sound with his creation.

Describe heavenly noises found in the scripture that ascends and descends from heaven to earth and visa versa...

Pentecost noise (Acts 2:2) ‘a sound like the blowing of a violent wind’
Sound of worship (Psalms 69:30) praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving
David’s praise after defeating the Philistine (2 Samuel 6:5,14)

David praised God with song and dance for giving him instructions in battle and leading his army to victory over the Philistines. David and the whole house of Israel celebrated before the Lord 2 Samuel 6:5,14: with **“all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.”**

Question 15

What warning is found in scriptures for those who look down on others who express their worship to God in a celebratory manner?

Read 2 Samuel 6:20-23 and give a summary of what happened to Michal - the daughter of Saul

And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death

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