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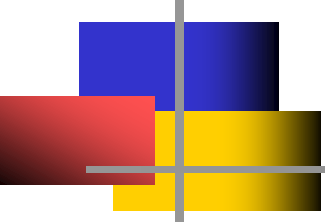
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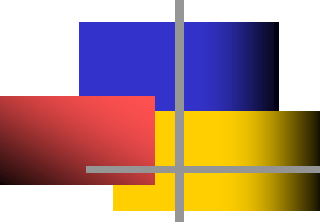
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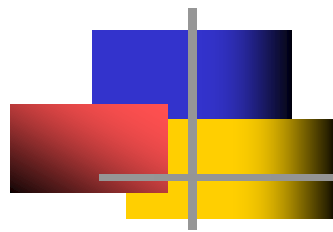
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- The introduction (1:1-3)
- The vision (1:4-28)
 - ✓ The four living creatures (1:4-14)
 - ✓ The four wheels (1:15-21)
 - ✓ The firmament (1:22-25)
 - ✓ The throne (1:26-28)



Ezekiel's Vision of God's Glory

- Divine **beneficence** – God interacts with all of his creation, especially mankind (1:4-14)
- Divine **omnipresence** – God goes anywhere and everywhere he wants (3:15-21; v. 12, 21)
- Divine **omniscience** – God sees all and judges all (3:18)
- Divine **omnipotence** – God sits above all, controls all, and is over all (3:22-28)

The Four Living Creatures and Cherubim in Ezekiel (10:15, 20-22)

Ezekiel 1, 3

- Four living creatures
- Four faces and wings
- Wheels full of eyes
- Firmament above
- Noise of the Almighty
- Throne

Ezekiel 10, 11

- Cherubim
- Four faces and wings
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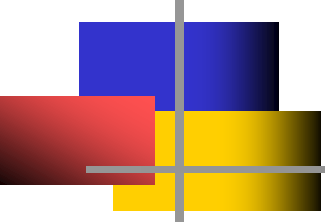
The Four Living Creatures in Ezekiel and Revelation

Ezekiel 1, 3, 10

- Four living creatures
- Full of eyes
- Four descriptions
- 4 wings
- Worship (3:12)
- Judgment (10:2)

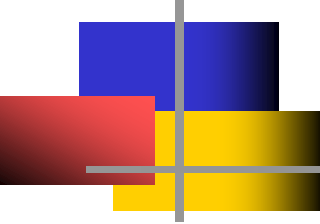
Revelation 4-7, 14-15, 19

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- Judgment (15:7)



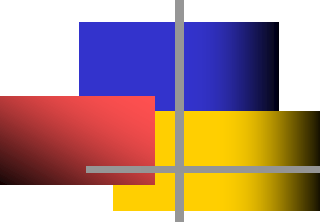
The Glory of Jehovah in Ezekiel

- It is **present** – where holiness is (1:28; 3:12, 23)
- It **departs** – where unholiness is (8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23)
- It **returns** – where holiness is (43:2, 4-5; 44:4)



Ezekiel 1 Lessons for Today

1. The Lord comes to his people and helps them in time of great need (1:1-3; Heb. 13:5)
2. The word of the Lord is what is important, not the word of man (1:3; 2 Thess. 3:1; 1 Pet. 1:25)
3. The Lord is great – he sits above the living creatures: the cherubim (1:25-26; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2; 1 Chron. 13:6; 2 K. 19:15; Psa. 80:1; 99:1)



Ezekiel 1 Lessons for Today

4. The glory of the Lord on his throne is great, we should be impressed by it, and we should be motivated to obey the Lord (1:28; comp. 3:15, 22; Psa. 138:5; Tit. 2:13; Rev. 4:1-11)

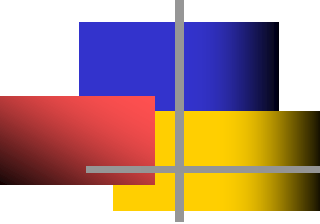


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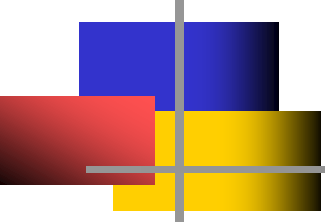
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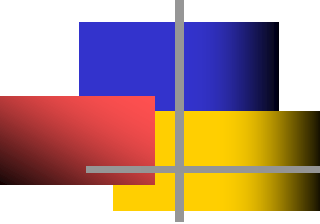
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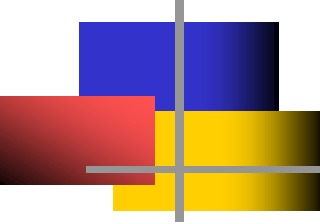
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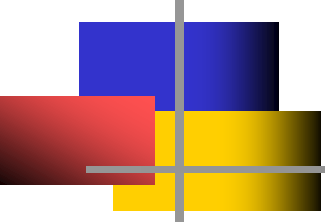
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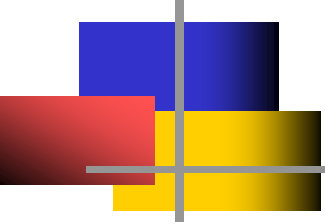
Ezekiel 2 Outline

- Ezekiel is told to speak God's word (2:1-7)
- Ezekiel is told to eat God's word (2:8 – 3:3)



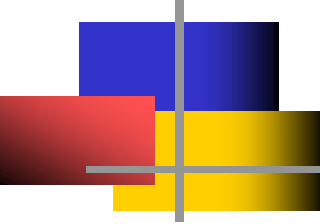
Ezekiel's Difficult Audience

- Rebellious (2:3, 5-8; see also 3:9, 26-27; 5:6; etc.)
- Sinful (2:3)
- Hardened (2:4)
- Free-will (2:5, 7)
- Sharp and painful words (2:6)
- Discouraging looks (2:6)



The Work of Daniel and Ezekiel

- The work of Daniel (and friends) in Babylon was primarily advisory and administrative (Dan. 1:17-21; 2:48-49)
- The work of Ezekiel outside of Babylon was primarily hortatory (warning / encouraging) and demonstrative (Ezek. 2-4)



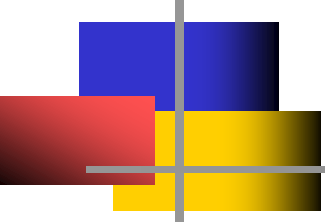
Ezekiel, Timothy, and, the Work of the Preacher

- Their character was similar: courageous (Ezek. 2:6; 2 Tim. 1:7-8)
- Their message was similar: God's word (Ezek. 2:7; 3:4, 11; 2 Tim. 2:15; 4:2)
- Their audience was similar: fellow-brethren (Ezek. 2:3; 3:5; 1 Tim. 3:15; 4:6)



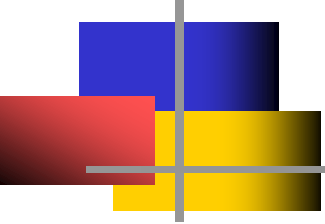
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- Their response was similar: some refused to hear (Ezek. 2:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:3-4)
- Their attitude was similar: speak all of God's word (Ezek. 3:10; 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2:2; 3:14-16)
- Their mission was similar: warning in order to save their brethren (Ezek. 3:16-21; 1 Tim. 1:3-4; 4:6, 11, 16; 2 Tim. 2:14, 24-26)



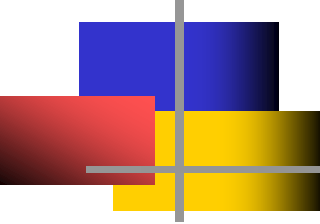
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- Their background was similar: godly upbringing (Ezek. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14)
- Their work was similar: hard (Ezek. 2:6; 3:25-27; 2 Tim. 1:8; 2:3; 4:5)



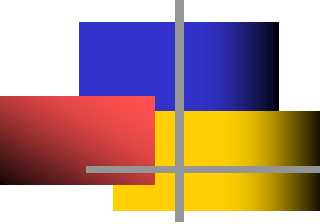
Ezekiel 2 Lessons for Today

1. Speak only what the Lord wants spoken (2:1-2, 7; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:11)
2. Some people are rebellious and hard-hearted (2:3-7; Rom. 2:5; Eph. 4:18; Heb. 3:8, 15; 4:7)
3. You have a free-will choice to hear the Lord and obey, or not hear (2:5, 7; 3:11, 26; Mt. 13:10-17)



Ezekiel 2 Lessons for Today

4. Never be afraid to speak God's word to others
(2:6; Acts 4:13, 29, 31; 28:31; 2 Cor. 3:12; 7:4;
Eph. 6:19)
5. Do not rebel against God to speak his word to
others (2:8; Acts 26:19)



Ezekiel 2 Lessons for Today

6. God's word can be both bitter (with judgement) and sweet, but we must accept all of it without alteration (2:8 – 3:3, 10; Jer. 15:16; Rev. 10:8-11)

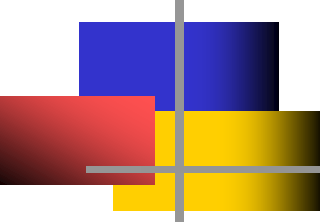


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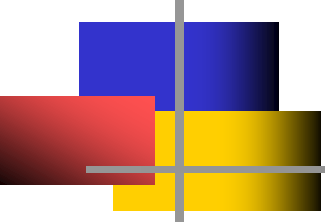
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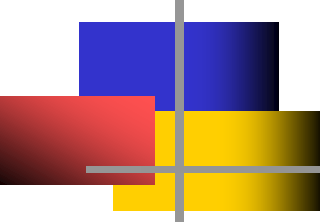
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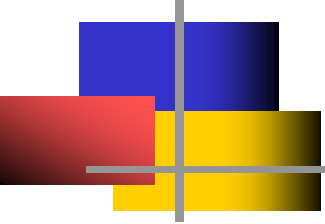
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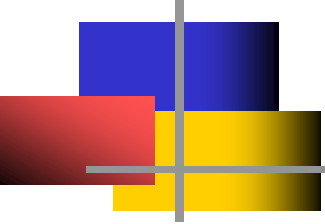
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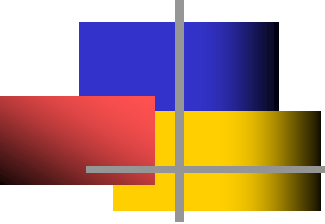
Ezekiel 3 Outline

- The words of Ezekiel's ministry (3:4-11)
- The bitterness of Ezekiel's ministry (3:12-15)
- The message of Ezekiel's ministry (3:16-21)
- The restrictions of Ezekiel's ministry (3:22-27)



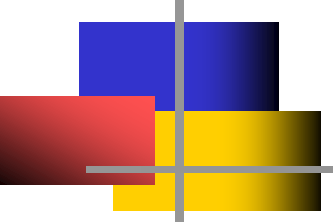
Ezekiel's Difficult Speaking

- Not fearful (2:6)
- God's word only and all of God's word (2:7; 3:4)
- Personally accept all of God's word (2:8 – 3:3, 10)
- Speak to those who are close (3:5-6)
- Firm (3:7-9)
- Willing to accept the bitter (2:10; 3:14-15)



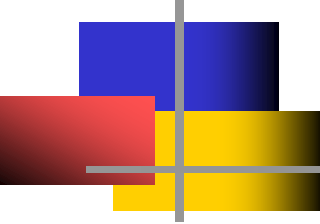
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- Address both the wicked and righteous (3:16-21)
- Live by God's restrictions (3:24-27)



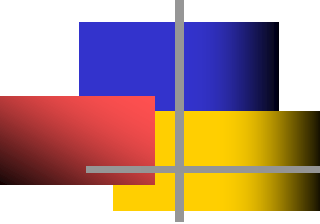
Four Character Qualities of a Watchman

- Watchful and alert
- Speak up and cry out
- Caring and compassionate
- Responsible and accountable



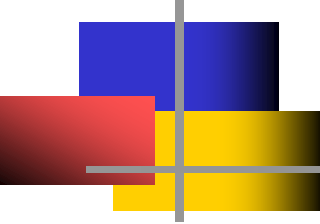
God's Watchman: Then and Now

- God is a watchman (Psa. 66:7; Prov. 15:3)
- OT watchmen: prophets – good (Isa. 21:5-9; 52:8; Jer. 6:17; 48:19; Ezek. 3; 33; Mic. 7:7; Nah. 2:1; Hab. 2:1) or bad (Isa. 56:10; Hos. 9:7-9; Mic. 7:4)
- NT watchmen: elders (Acts 20:31; Heb. 13:17) and all Christians (1 Cor. 16:13; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:6, 10; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 3:2-3; 16:15)



Ezekiel 3 Lessons for Today

1. We must speak God's word to our own people even when they do not want to hear it (3:3:4-7; Acts 28:23-28)
2. We must have courage to speak to our own people who do not want to hear it (3:8-11; 2 Tim. 1:7)
3. Blessed be the glory of the Lord (3:12; Psa. 72:19)



Ezekiel 3 Lessons for Today

4. Let us warn both the wicked and the righteous so they will not die in their sins (3:16-21; Acts 18:6; 20:26)
5. Speak what God wants us to say, when God wants us to say it, and how God wants us to say it (3:22-27; comp. 8:1; 14:1; 20:1; 24:27; 33:22; Col. 4:6)