



Whenever the Omnipresence of God - the Invisible God - becomes Visible
or Localized -
THIS IS THE SHECHINAH GLORY!

ACCORDING TO DR ARNOLD FRUCHTENBAUM

"In the Old Testament most of these visible manifestations took the form of
Light, Fire, Cloud, or 'Thick Darkness'."

At times it is closely associated with:

- a. The Angel of Jehovah
- b. The Holy Spirit
- c. The Cherubin
- d. Thick Darkness

DR FRUCHTENBAUM FURTHER NOTES THAT:

the Hebrew word for Shechinah means "to dwell" and the Greek word means "to
tabernacle".

THE SHECHINAH GLORY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

IN THE BOOKS OF THE LAW

Gen 3:8 (2:16-19 implied presence)

Gen 3:24 "the" Flaming Sword
He stationed (caused to dwell)
root of the word is 'Shechinah'



NOTE: The Shechinah is associated with the Cherubim

They first appear in Gen 3:24.

They are seen as images in the making of the curtains separating the Holy place from the Holy of Holies - Ex 26:1...

These curtains shield the priest from the presence of God, who dwelt above the Ark of the Covenant.

They are symbolically placed at the ends of the Ark and are made a part of it-Ex 25:17-22.

Ezk 1:3-28 and 10:17-22 describe their appearance.

They are said to have 4 faces: Man, Lion, Bull, and Eagle.

There are other beings called Seraphim connected with God's Throne that are said to have one of these faces each. Rev 4:6-8 (Isa 6:1-7)

The Holiness of God is their focus. vs 8

These beings are not manifestations of God, but rather indicate His presence.

Gen 15:12-18 The Abrahamic Covenant

VS12 a Great Darkness

vs17 a Smoking Oven and a Flaming Torch

Ex 3:15 "The Angel of the Lord appeared in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush."

Deut 33:16 tells us who was present at this occasion.

13:21-22 Pillar of Cloud Pillar of Fire

14:19-20 (and the Darkness)
14:24 The Lord looked through the Pillar of Fire and the Cloud
16:6-12 You will see the Glory of the Lord...Come near before the Lord



Ex 19:16-20 Mount Sinai
Deut 5:22-27 reviews this time.

24:15-18

33:17-23 with 34:5-9

God's special manifestation to Moses.

NOTE: For a time the "glory of the Lord 'reflected off' of the face of

Moses

Ex 34:29-35 with 2 Cor 3:12-18

Ex 29:42-46 with 40:33-38
The Tabernacle

Ex 25:8-22 The Ark and its purpose

Lev 9:6-7,22-24 The authentication of the Aaronic Priesthood

Num 13:30 - 14:45 esp vs 10,22 Refusal to enter the Land

Num 16:1-50 Korah's rebellion vs 19
General rebellion vs 41-50
(the Lord sent out the plague)

Num 20:6-13 Waters of Meribah

THE PERIOD OF JOSHUA AND THE JUDGES

No visible activity is recorded in this period.

The Lord's presence over the Ark is not removed until Ezekiel's time.

"The Glory of the Lord" (His presence was said to have departed during the time that the Philistines had the Ark)

1 Sam 4:21-22 see 1 Sam 5:1 - 6:1



WHILE THE SOLOMONIC TEMPLE STOOD

1 Kg 8:1-13 (2 Chron 5:2 - 7:3)

The "Glory of the Lord" came into the Temple, leaving the Tabernacle when Solomon dedicated it.

The Lord began dwelling in the "Thick Darkness" - vs 12.

Compare Ex 40:34-35 with 1Kg 8:10-11

THE DEPARTURE OF THE SHECHINAH GLORY

Ezk chapter 1

Ezk 3:12,22-23

Ezk 8:3-4

9:3; 10:4

10:18,19

11:22-23

the City

to the threshold of the Temple

departed from the threshold to the entrance of the East Gate

departed the city and stood over the mountain which is East of

(Mount of Olives)

THERE IS NO MORE MENTION OF THE "GLORY OF THE LORD" BEING PRESENT UNTIL THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

NOTE #1: His Triumphal Entry is a Reverse of the above Departure!

NOTE #2: God's physical presence for approximately 1,000 years had no positive, spiritual

affect on the people of Israel. This will replay itself for the Millennial Kingdom. Rev 20:7-8

There is no indication that God's Glory returned at the completion of the building of the Second Temple. Haggai 2:3



THE DEPARTURE OF THE SHECHINAH GLORY

I. THE REASONS FOR THE DEPARTURE - JUST LOOK

The Time Ezk 8:1

6th year; 5th day; 6th month - September 17, 592 BC

1. 14 Months since Ezekiel received his call to be a prophet

5th year; 5th day; Ezk 1:2

2. It is the last 10 days of the 430 days during which he had to lie on his side

Ezk 4:4-8

390 days - iniquity of the house of Israel

40 days - iniquity of the house of Judah

430 : 30 days = 14 months 10 days

Ezekiel is sitting in his house with the elders of Judah sitting before him. Ezk 8:1

The Shechinah Glory re-appears in the same form that he saw Him on the day he received his call. Ezk 1:26-27

The Shechinah lifts Ezekiel up so that he might see. Ezk 8:3 (Ezk 3:12)

Ezekiel is transported to Jerusalem to be shown the following:

a. A statue (an Asherah- 2Kgs 21:7) which provokes to jealousy
(Ex 20:4-5) Ezk 8:3-6

both
b. The worship of the Egyptian gods - Ezk 8:7-13 - by the civil leaders -
corporate and home worship

c. The worship of Tammuz - Ezk 8:14-15

he The worship of Tammuz was a form of nature worship (go green);
was the god of spring vegetation.



- d. The worship of the sun - Ezk 8:16
 - i. 25 men who represented the priesthood
 - 24 courses of levitical priesthood and the high priest
 - ii. their backs are to the altar of God
 - iii. they are worshipping the sun Deut 4:19
- e. See Ezk 11:1-3 - further sin

Because of the above, the Shechinah Glory must depart from Israel.
Ezk 8:17-18

(NOTE: Putting a branch to their nose is a gesture of mocking God, Himself.)

II. THE DEPARTURE ITSELF

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| Ezk 10:4 | The Glory of the Lord went up from the Cherub to the Threshold of the Temple |
| Ezk 10:18 | The Glory of the Lord departed from the Threshold of the Temple and stood over the Cherubim |
| Ezk 10:19 | The Glory of the Lord departed from the Cherubim and stood still at the Entrance of the East Gate |
| Ezk 11:22-23 | The Glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain (Mount of Olives) |