

# Ezekiel 1:7

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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.

## Analysis

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The living creatures' 'straight feet' and calf-like soles represent stable, unwavering obedience to divine direction. Feet cannot turn aside, showing the angelic beings' single-minded devotion to God's will. The 'brass' (bronze) appearance suggests refined strength and judgment (cf. Rev. 1:15). These cherubim, likely the same as those guarding Eden (Gen. 3:24), display God's holiness and power. Their unusual form emphasizes divine transcendence—God's throne attendants defy natural categories.

## Historical Context

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Ezekiel received this vision in 593 BC by the river Chebar in Babylon, during the Jewish exile. The cherubim imagery draws from ancient Near Eastern iconography of winged creatures guarding divine thrones, but transforms pagan motifs into vehicles of Yahweh's glory. Bronze (or burnished brass) was highly valued in ancient metallurgy for strength and luster.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others



went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

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