

Genesis 16:13 -- "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?"

Genesis 32:20 -- "I have seen God face to face"

Judges 6:14-16, 22-23

"And the Lord looked at him"

"And he said to him, "O Lord"

"But the Lord said to him"

"I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face. And the Lord said to him,.. You shall not die."

Are these expressions conclusive? They are certainly provocative of thought. Can an angel pardon transgressions? Is the "angel of His presence.. more than an angel? Do the statements of Hagar and Jacob and Gideon imply that in seeing the angel they believed they had seen God? When in Judges 6 the text alternates between the angel speaking and the Lord speaking, does this imply an identity of personage? Could these all be theophanies, or even Christophanies?

e. Revelation by means of visions

Ezekiel 1:1 -- Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

Ezekiel 40:1-4

- 1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was taken, on that same day the hand of the Lord was upon me and He brought me there.
- 2 In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and set me on a very high mountain, and on it to the south there was a structure like a city.
- 3 So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand; and he was standing in the gateway.
- 4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes, hear with your ears, and give attention to all that I am going to show you; for you have been brought here in order to show it to you. Declare to the house of Israel all that you see."

Daniel 10:4-11, 14

- 4 And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,
- 5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz.