Analysis of Ezekiel's Wheel

Part II

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This description of the face means that the people and their character is like a lion, and their flight is like the flight of an eagle. The lion is the most fearless of all of the beasts of the jungle.

The lion is the most fearless of both animal and beast. And the people, the Black People, when once fear has been removed from them, -they take on the characteristics of a lion! As Ezekiel says here in Chap. 1:10, the four creatures had these faces:...the face of a lion on the right side: and the face on the left side was like an ox.

Since the lion is fearless and quick, he can attack instantly. This is referring to the Black Man. And as 'his face is an ox on the left side,' refers to the strength of the Black Man, when it comes to his enemy.

The Black Man's enemy is said to be on his left side, because the enemy cannot be said to be on his right side. His enemy must be on his left side, therefore, on the left side is where the Black Man needs force and strength with which to remove his enemy.

So, the Black Man is pictured as an ox on the left side, because he must be powerful.