

# Ezekiel 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

## Analysis

The synchronized movement—'when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them'—demonstrates perfect coordination between God's purposes and their execution. The creatures (representing divine will) and wheels (representing sovereign action) move in unified motion. This pictures the seamless integration of God's decrees and their fulfillment. No gap exists between divine intention and accomplishment. The lifting up of wheels with creatures shows that divine purposes transcend earthly limitations.

## Historical Context

The coordinated movement contrasts with pagan mythology's competing divine wills causing cosmic conflict. Yahweh's throne operates with perfect internal harmony—His decrees and their execution are unified. This vision came during Babylon's apparent triumph over Judah, yet demonstrates that earthly kingdoms cannot hinder God's sovereign purposes. The lifting up suggests transcendence over earthly limitations.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What assurance does the perfect synchronization between creatures and wheels give us regarding God's promises being fulfilled?
2. How does this unified motion challenge our tendency to separate God's will from His power to accomplish it?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכֹל כֵּת	בְּמִזְבֵּחַ	וְלֹכֶד	מִבְּאֹפָנִים	בְּאֹפָנִים	אֲלֵיכֶם
H1980	And when the living creatures	H1980	the wheels	by them	
	H2416		H212		H681
וְנִשְׁאָר	בְּמִזְבֵּחַ	מִעַל	בְּאָרֶץ	וְנִשְׁאָר	
were lifted up	And when the living creatures	H5921	from the earth	were lifted up	
H5375	H2416	H776	H776	H5375	
בְּאֹפָנִים					
the wheels					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 10:16** (Parallel theme): And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.