

# 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

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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

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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

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**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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## 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.