

Ezekiel 3:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place." The Spirit's transport and the chorus praising God's glory indicate heavenly worship continuing perpetually. Earth's rebellion doesn't diminish heaven's adoration. While Israel rejected God, angels worshiped unceasingly. This provides perspective during discouraging ministry: God's glory remains intact regardless of human response. The phrase "from his place" emphasizes God's transcendent stability—He remains gloriously enthroned despite earthly chaos.

Historical Context

After commissioning (593 BC), Ezekiel heard heavenly worship continuing despite Israel's rebellion. This parallels Isaiah's vision of seraphim crying "Holy, holy, holy" while Judah sank in corruption (Isaiah 6:3). The contrast between earthly rebellion and heavenly worship sustained faithful prophets. God's throne remains stable; His worship continues; His glory shines undiminished. This eternal reality provides courage during temporal opposition. The heavenly perspective corrects earthly myopia.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does knowing heavenly worship continues regardless of earthly response encourage perseverance?
2. What difference would maintaining heavenly perspective make during discouraging ministry?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעֲנֶה אֵלָיו רוח	וְאֶשְׁמָעָה	אָמַר אֶל	כְּעֵשֶׂר	כְּעֵשֶׂר	וְאֶל
took me up	Then the spirit	and I heard	behind	me a voice	rushing
H5375	H7307	H8085	H310	H6963	H7494
בָּרוּךְ וְאֶלְעָד	כְּבוֹד	הָיָה הָ	מִלְכֹּוּת		
saying Blessed	be the glory	of the LORD	from his place		
H1288	H3519	H3068	H4725		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 8:3 (Spirit): And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

Acts 8:39 (Spirit): And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 2:2 (Parallel theme): And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Ezekiel 11:1 (Spirit): Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

Ezekiel 3:14 (Spirit): So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

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