

Ezekiel 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

Analysis

The 'noise of the wings of the living creatures' touching each other creates an overwhelming auditory experience accompanying the visual glory. Wings touching in worship and coordinated motion produces sound testifying to God's presence. The description emphasizes the sensory totality of encountering divine glory—not merely visual, but auditory. Creation itself makes noise in worship, setting the pattern for human praise.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern theophanies often included overwhelming sensory experiences—Moses' burning bush crackled, Sinai thundered and smoked, Isaiah's temple shook. Ezekiel's vision continues this pattern: divine revelation overwhelms human senses, demanding total attention. The exile context meant this vision came far from Jerusalem's temple, yet manifested the same overwhelming glory.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the auditory dimension of this vision remind us that worship engages our entire being, not merely intellectual assent?
2. What does creation's noise in God's presence teach us about all reality testifying to divine glory?

Interlinear Text

וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה
I heard also the noise	of the wings	of the living creatures	that touched	one
H6963	H3671	H2416	H5401	H802
וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה
another	I heard also the noise	of the wheels	over against	
H413	H269	H6963	H212	H5980
וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה	וְאִשְׁחָה
I heard also the noise	rushing	of a great		
H6963	H7494	H1419		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 1:24 (Parallel theme): And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

Ezekiel 10:5 (Parallel theme): And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.