

Psalms 68:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Analysis

The Lord gives the command, and a 'great company' publishes it—women evangelists proclaiming victory. The Hebrew suggests a large multitude of female messengers announcing military triumph, echoing Miriam and the women celebrating the Red Sea victory (Exodus 15:20-21). This shows God's kingdom includes women as heralds of His mighty works, anticipating women's role in announcing Christ's resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10).

Historical Context

In ancient Israel, women traditionally announced military victories with singing and dancing. This cultural practice receives divine endorsement, showing God values women's testimony in declaring His mighty acts.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge traditional assumptions about who can proclaim God's works?

2. What 'good news' has God given you to publish to others?
3. In what ways do women's voices uniquely contribute to the church's testimony today?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	יָתַן	אֶת	הַמִּבְשָׁר	זֶה	הַחֵדָּה	הַגְּדוֹלָה
The Lord	gave	the word	of those that published	was the company	great	
H136	H5414	H562	H1319	H6635	H7227	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:20 (Parallel theme): And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Exodus 14:15 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

Psalms 40:3 (References Lord): And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.