

Seeing Sound, Hearing Sight

וְכָל הָעָם רָאִים אֶת-הַקּוֹלֹת וְאֶת-הַלַּפִּידִם וְאֶת קוֹל הַשּׁוֹפָר וְאֶת-
הַהָר עָשָׁן וַיִּרְא הָעָם וַיִּנְעוּ וַיַּעֲמֵדוּ מֵרָחֵק.

All the people saw the thunder and lightning, the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking;
and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance.

(Exodus 20:15)

רוֹאִין אֶת הַנִּרְאָה וְשׁוֹמְעִין אֶת הַנִּשְׁמָע: דְּבַרֵי רַבִּי יִשְׁמָאֵל. רַבִּי
עֲקִיבָא אוֹמֵר: רוֹאִין וְשׁוֹמְעִין אֶת הַנִּרְאָה.

They could see that which was visible and hear that which was audible: so said Rabbi Ishmael.
Rabbi Akiba said: They could both see and hear that which was visible.

(Mekhilta d'Rabbi Ishmael BaHodesh 9)