

Job 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Analysis

Job praises God's creative power: 'By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.' This acknowledges divine sovereignty over chaos (the serpent/Leviathan). Even while questioning God's providence, Job affirms His cosmic authority.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern mythology featured chaos monsters (Leviathan, Rahab) that deities fought to establish order. Job affirms God's absolute mastery over such forces.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's power over cosmic chaos relate to His power over your circumstances?
2. What comfort comes from knowing God formed even the 'crooked serpent'?

Interlinear Text

בְּ רוחוֹ
By his spirit the heavens he hath garnished חַלְלָה
H7307 H8064 H8235 H2490

נָטָשׁ יָדָיו^{וְ}
his hand serpent
H3027 H5175

בָּרְ�מָה:
the crooked
H1281

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 27:1 (Parallel theme): In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Psalms 104:30 (Spirit): Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

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