

Job 28:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

Analysis

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—God's wisdom manifests in creation's precise calibration. La'asot la-ruach mishqal (לַעֲשׂוֹת לְרוּחַ מִשְׁקָל, to make for the wind weight/measure) personifies wind as something weighed with exact proportions. The paradox is intentional—wind seems weightless and uncontrollable, yet God assigned it specific mass and force. Mayim tikken be-midah (מַיִם תִּכֵּן בְּמִדָּה, waters He regulated by measure) uses taken (תָּקַן), meaning to measure, regulate, or establish by standard.

This verse reveals that apparent chaos in nature—fierce winds, torrential rains—actually operates under divine mathematical precision. Ancient peoples experienced wind and water as unpredictable, destructive forces. Job counters: these elements follow exact specifications set at creation. The imagery anticipates modern meteorology and hydrology discovering quantifiable laws governing atmospheric pressure, precipitation cycles, and fluid dynamics. God didn't create randomly but engineered creation with meticulous exactitude. Isaiah 40:12 echoes this: 'Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span?'

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern flood myths (Enuma Elish, Epic of Gilgamesh, Atrahasis) depicted water as primordial chaos that gods struggled to control. Job's theology is radically different—water and wind aren't chaotic forces but precisely measured

elements under God's sovereign design. The vocabulary of weighing and measuring reflects commercial practices (using balance scales and measuring vessels), applying economic precision to cosmic governance. This connects to Job 38:4-11, where God questions Job about creation's foundations and setting boundaries for the sea.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does understanding that God 'weighs' even the wind challenge our perception of natural disasters as random or chaotic?
2. What does God's precise measurement of creation's forces teach about His attention to detail in governing your life?
3. If God regulates nature with such mathematical precision, how should this affect your trust in His wisdom during life's storms?

Interlinear Text

לַעֲשׂוֹת	לַרְיָחַ	מִשְׁקָל ל	וּמַיִם	וְהֵאָזָן	בְּמִדָּה:
To make	for the winds	the weight	the waters	and he weigheth	by measure
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 135:7 (Parallel theme): He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

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