

Job 37:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Elihu marvels: 'God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.' This acknowledgment of divine incomprehensibility prepares for God's speeches. Elihu correctly identifies mystery in God's ways.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern weather phenomena (thunder, storms) were attributed to divine action. Elihu uses natural revelation to teach about God's incomprehensible greatness.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does nature reveal God's incomprehensible greatness?
2. What role does mystery play in understanding God?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא גָדַל וְעָשָׂה נִפְלְאוֹת בְּקוֹלוֹ אֵל לִי יִרְעֵם
thundereth **God** **with his voice** **marvellously** **doeth** **great things** H3808
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he which we cannot comprehend
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Additional Cross-References

Job 5:9 (Parallel theme): Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

Romans 11:33 (References God): O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Isaiah 40:28 (References God): Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Job 26:14 (Parallel theme): Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (References God): He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Job 36:26 (References God): Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

Job 9:10 (Parallel theme): Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

Revelation 15:3 (References God): And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Job 11:7 (References God): Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

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