

John 6:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

Analysis

The sea's rising 'by reason of a great wind that blew' introduces crisis into the disciples' journey. Natural forces threaten their safety, creating the setting for supernatural deliverance. God permits storms in our lives—not as punishment but as contexts for revealing His power and strengthening faith.

Historical Context

The Sea of Galilee is 680 feet below sea level, surrounded by hills and mountains. Cool evening air rushing down creates sudden, violent storms. The disciples, though experienced fishermen familiar with these conditions, faced genuine danger.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why does God permit storms—literal and metaphorical—in His people's lives?
2. How do physical storms in Scripture often symbolize spiritual testing and divine deliverance?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 107:25 (Parallel theme): For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

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.

Matthew 14:24 (Parallel theme): But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

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