

Proverbs 3:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Analysis

God's wisdom in creation reveals His attributes and sovereignty (Romans 1:20). The Hebrew 'yasad' (founded) suggests a permanent, stable foundation, contrasting evolutionary randomness. This verse grounds ethics and epistemology in the Creator's design, showing that wisdom discerns and aligns with the order God established from the beginning.

Historical Context

Ancient creation myths portrayed chaotic battles between gods. In contrast, Scripture presents purposeful, wise creation by the sovereign LORD, who spoke all things into ordered existence according to His eternal plan.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's wisdom in creation affect your environmental stewardship?
2. What aspects of the created order most clearly reveal God's wisdom to you?

Interlinear Text

יְהִי־הָרָקָמָה	בְּחִכָּמָת־הַ	יְסַד	אֶרֶץ	כְּנָגִיל	שְׁמַיִם
The LORD	by wisdom	hath founded	the earth	hath he established	the heavens
H3068	H2451	H3245	H776	H3559	H8064

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by understanding
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 104:24 (References Lord): O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Jeremiah 10:12 (Parallel theme): He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Jeremiah 51:15 (Parallel theme): He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

John 1:3 (Parallel theme): All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Psalms 136:5 (Parallel theme): To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.