

Psalm 104:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

Analysis

The 'great and wide sea' teems with innumerable creatures both small and great. God's creative abundance fills even the vast oceans with diverse life. 'Things creeping innumerable' suggests overwhelming biodiversity beyond human comprehension. The sea, often symbolizing chaos in Scripture, here demonstrates God's power to fill even chaotic realms with ordered life. Christ's authority over the sea (Mark 4:39) and provision of miraculous catches (Luke 5:6, John 21:6) demonstrate His continuing creative power. Modern science's discovery of ocean biodiversity confirms this psalm's wonder.

Historical Context

Ancient peoples feared the sea's dangers and depths. That God filled this fearsome realm with abundant life demonstrated His sovereignty over what humans found most threatening and mysterious.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the ocean's overwhelming biodiversity strengthen your awe of God's creative power?
2. What 'chaotic' areas of your life need to be seen as realms God fills with His ordered purposes?

Interlinear Text

הַיְם הַזֶּה גָּדוֹלָה:

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sea

So is this great

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H1419

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wherein are things creeping

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beasts

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גָּדוֹלָה:

So is this great

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 69:34 (Parallel theme): Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

Acts 28:5 (Parallel theme): And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.