

Psalm 104:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Analysis

God 'laid the foundations of the earth' so firmly 'it should not be removed for ever.' This speaks to creation's stability and order, grounded in God's sovereign establishment. The Hebrew *kun* (established) suggests intentional, permanent placement. While the earth will ultimately be renewed (2 Pet 3:13, Rev 21:1), God's original creative work demonstrates His power and reliability. Christ, through whom all things were created (Col 1:16), sustains creation by His powerful word (Heb 1:3). The Reformed doctrine of providence recognizes God's ongoing sustaining of creation.

Historical Context

Ancient creation myths featured chaotic, unstable worlds. Israel's understanding of an earth firmly established by God demonstrated the Creator's superior power and intentional design compared to pagan deities.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the ordered stability of creation point you to trust God's faithful character?
2. What does Christ's role in creating and sustaining the universe reveal about His deity?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Job 26:7 (Parallel theme): He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Psalms 24:2 (Parallel theme): For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Psalms 33:9 (Parallel theme): For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Psalms 96:10 (Parallel theme): Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Revelation 20:11 (Parallel theme): And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Psalms 136:6 (Parallel theme): To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 93:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Peter 3:10 (Parallel theme): But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Revelation 6:14 (Parallel theme): And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Ecclesiastes 1:4 (Parallel theme): One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

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