

Psalm 104:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

Analysis

The deep (tehom) covered the earth 'as with a garment,' with waters standing 'above the mountains.' This recalls Genesis 1:2's description of pre-creation chaos, emphasizing God's power over primordial waters. The imagery shows creation beginning in watery formlessness until God's word brought order. This water above mountains will soon recede at God's command (v.7), demonstrating His absolute authority. Christ's calming of the sea (Mark 4:39) echoes this divine mastery over chaotic waters.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern creation myths often featured battles with sea monsters or chaos waters. Israel's account shows God effortlessly commanding waters without struggle, emphasizing His unique sovereignty.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's power over primordial chaos assure you of His ability to bring order to your life's chaos?
2. What significance does water hold throughout Scripture's redemptive story from creation to baptism?

Interlinear Text

תַּחַת הַמָּם	כְּלֵב וְשָׁ	כִּסְיַת וְ	עַל	בְּרֵרֶם
it with the deep	as with a garment	Thou coveredst		above the mountains
H8415	H3830	H3680	H5921	H2022
מִימָּן עַמְּדָה				
stood	the waters			
H5975	H4325			

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 7:19 (Parallel theme): And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

2 Peter 3:5 (Parallel theme): For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: