

Psalm 107:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

Analysis

This verse describes God's sovereignty over storms. 'For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind' shows God's active control over weather. 'Commandeth' (amar, אָמַר) means He speaks, and it happens. 'Raiseth' (amad, עָמַד) means to cause to stand or arise. 'Stormy wind' (ruach searah, רֻאָתְּ שָׁרָה) is tempest or hurricane-force wind. 'Which lifteth up the waves thereof' describes waves rising to terrifying heights. God's word controls storms—He commands and they arise. This demonstrates absolute sovereignty over nature. What terrifies humans obeys God instantly. The same power that speaks storms into existence can speak them into calm.

Historical Context

Throughout Scripture, God controls weather: flood (Genesis 6-7), plagues on Egypt, Red Sea parting, storm in Jonah 1, Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4:39). God asks Job, 'Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?...Out of whose womb came the ice?' (Job 38:28-29). Weather reveals God's sovereignty and humanity's dependence. Climate isn't autonomous but subject to divine command.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does God's control over weather teach about His sovereignty over all creation?
2. How should God's command over storms affect our response to natural disasters?
3. In what ways does Jesus' storm-calming demonstrate His divine nature?

Interlinear Text

גָּלוּ: תִּתְרֹמֶם מִסְבָּב הַר וּמִצְמָד אָמַר יְהוָה
For he commandeth and raiseth wind the stormy which lifteth up the waves
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Additional Cross-References

Jonah 1:4 (Parallel theme): But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

Matthew 8:24 (Parallel theme): And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

Psalms 148:8 (Parallel theme): Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Psalms 93:3 (Parallel theme): The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

Psalms 105:34 (Parallel theme): He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,

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.

Psalms 105:31 (Parallel theme): He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

John 6:18 (Parallel theme): And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

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