

# Psalms 148:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

## Analysis

**He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.** This verse grounds cosmic praise in divine sovereignty and immutability. The Hebrew *vaya'amidem la'ad le'olam* (וַיַּעֲמִידֵם לְעַד לְעוֹלָם) uses *ya'amid* (establish, make stand) with the strongest temporal language: **"for ever and ever"** (*la'ad le'olam*)—perpetual, enduring existence. God established creation's order with permanence and stability.

**"He hath made a decree which shall not pass"** (*choq-natan velo ya'avur*, חֹק־נָתַן וְלֹא יַעֲבֹר) uses legal terminology. *Choq* (חֹק) is a statute, ordinance, or prescribed law; *natan* (gave/made) indicates authoritative establishment; *lo ya'avur* (shall not pass/transgress) means it cannot be violated, changed, or ended. God imposed laws governing creation—physical laws, celestial mechanics, seasonal cycles—that function with absolute reliability because His decree sustains them.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 declares God's covenant with Israel is as certain as His ordinances governing sun, moon, and stars. Jesus affirmed this stability: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law" (Matthew 5:18). Yet 2 Peter 3:10-13 prophesies present heavens and earth will be dissolved, replaced by "new heavens and a new earth." God's decree establishes creation's current order, but He retains sovereign freedom to create new heavens and earth when redemptive history consummates.

## Historical Context

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Ancient peoples observed celestial regularity—predictable solar and lunar cycles, seasonal patterns, tidal movements—and attributed this to divine decree. Pagan cultures often saw gods as capricious, requiring appeasement to maintain cosmic order. Israel's theology insisted Yahweh established creation's laws with unchanging faithfulness. This reliability enabled agriculture (planting and harvest seasons), navigation (by stars), and calendar keeping (lunar months), all testifying to the Creator's wisdom and covenant faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does creation's reliability under God's decree provide a foundation for trusting His promises in your life?
2. What is the relationship between God's immutable decrees governing creation and His freedom to perform miracles or create new heavens and earth?
3. In what ways do the 'laws of nature' serve as testimonies to God's character—His faithfulness, wisdom, and power?

## Interlinear Text

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וַעֲמִידָם	לְעַד	לְעוֹלָם	דֶּקֶר	וַתַּעַשׂ	וַיַּעַשׂ
He hath also stablished	them for ever	and ever	a decree	he hath made	H3808
H5975	H5703	H5769	H2706	H5414	

  

וְעָבֹר:
which shall not pass
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 33:25** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

**Psalms 89:37** (Parallel theme): It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

**Job 38:33** (Parallel theme): Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

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