

Psalms 18:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

Analysis

God's rebuke exposed the channels of the sea and the foundations of the world. The Hebrew 'ga'ar' (rebuke) recalls God rebuking the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21) and Jesus rebuking wind and waves (Mark 4:39). The 'blast of breath from Your nostrils' suggests the same wind that parted the Red Sea. This portrays God's word controlling creation. Reformed theology sees God's sovereignty extending to every natural law and phenomenon.

Historical Context

References the Red Sea crossing where God's wind dried the sea bed, exposing foundations and creating passage for Israel while destroying Egypt's army.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's power over nature inform your trust in His ability to save?
2. What modern 'seas' need God's rebuke and parting in your life?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּרָא וַ	אָפּ יָקִי	מֵיִם	וַגִּלּוּ	מוֹסְדֵי וְ	
were seen	Then the channels	of waters	were discovered	and the foundations	
H7200	H650	H4325	H1540	H4146	
יְהִי לְ	מִגְעָרָה תִּבְרַ	יְהוָה הִ	מִנְּשָׁמָה תִ	רֵיחוֹ	אֶפְרָיִם:
of the world	at thy rebuke	O LORD	at the blast	of the breath	of thy nostrils
H8398	H1606	H3068	H5397	H7307	H639

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 106:9 (Parallel theme): He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

Exodus 15:8 (Parallel theme): And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

Psalms 76:6 (Parallel theme): At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

Psalms 104:5 (Parallel theme): Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Job 4:9 (Parallel theme): By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

Jeremiah 31:37 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

2 Samuel 22:16 (References Lord): And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

Micah 6:2 (References Lord): Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

Psalms 74:15 (Parallel theme): Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

2 Kings 19:7 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

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