

Psalms 29:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

Analysis

The declaration 'The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh' describes divine power causing earthquakes. Even desolate wilderness trembles at God's voice. Kadesh was significant in Israel's history (Num. 13-14)—location of rebellion and judgment. Reformed theology sees God's voice as both creative and judicial—it creates order and executes judgment. Geography and history intersect as God's power extends over all places and times.

Historical Context

The wilderness of Kadesh was where Israel rebelled against entering Canaan, resulting in forty years wandering (Num. 14). God's shaking voice represents His judgment against rebellion—even empty wilderness cannot escape His authority.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What 'wilderness' experiences in your life has God's voice shaken?
2. How does God's power over desolate places assure His presence in your spiritual deserts?

Interlinear Text

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The voice	of the LORD	shaketh	the wilderness	shaketh	of the LORD
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מִדְבַּר	קֶדֶשׁ:				
the wilderness	of Kadesh				
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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 13:26 (Parallel theme): And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.