

# Psalm 46:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

## Analysis

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Nations rage (hamah, the same word for roaring waters in v.3), kingdoms are moved--the political world shares creation's chaos. Yet 'he uttered his voice, the earth melted.' God's mere word dissolves all opposition. The voice that creates can also unmake; the voice that judges can also save.

## Historical Context

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The nations' raging against Zion echoes specific historical threats (Assyria, Babylon) and also represents the perpetual hostility of human powers against God's purposes.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's voice bring order to the chaos of nations?
2. What comfort comes from knowing God can 'melt' all earthly opposition with His word?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Amos 9:5** (Parallel theme): And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

**Psalms 18:13** (Parallel theme): The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

**Nahum 1:5** (Parallel theme): The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

**Joel 2:11** (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

**Micah 1:4** (Parallel theme): And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

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