

Psalms 65:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Analysis

God establishing mountains 'by his strength' demonstrates creative power. Being 'girded with power' depicts God ready for action. Mountains, ancient symbols of permanence, owe their stability to God's word. This anticipates Christ's authority over nature, demonstrated when He rebuked winds and waves (Mark 4:39), showing that nature's Creator sustains His people.

Historical Context

Mountains in ancient Near Eastern thought represented permanence and divine dwelling places. That YHWH 'setteth fast' the mountains establishes His supremacy over creation and pagan nature gods.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God's creative power over nature ground confidence in His providence over circumstances?
2. What does God being 'girded with power' reveal about His readiness to act?

Interlinear Text

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setteth fast	the mountains	Which by his strength	being girded	with power
H3559	H2022	H3581	H247	H1369

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 93:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Habakkuk 3:6 (Parallel theme): He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.

Micah 6:2 (Parallel theme): 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.