

Psalm 65:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves,
and the tumult of the people.

Analysis

God stilling the seas' noise parallels calming tumultuous peoples. The Hebrew 'sha'on' (roar/tumult) applies to both natural and human chaos. That God quiets both demonstrates sovereignty over creation and history. This anticipates Christ's stilling the storm (Mark 4:39) and establishes peace despite nations' rage (Psalm 2:1).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern peoples feared the sea's chaos, often deified as hostile to order. YHWH's stilling of seas demonstrated supremacy over what pagans worshiped as gods. The parallel with tumultuous peoples shows His control extends to political chaos.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's sovereignty over natural chaos comfort you regarding social and political turmoil?

2. What does the parallel between seas and peoples teach about God's comprehensive rule?

Interlinear Text

מִשְׁבֵּת יְמָן שָׁא וְיָם שָׁא וְגַלְיָה מִגְּבָּם וְלָבָם
Which stilleth the noise of the seas the noise of their waves and the tumult
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of the people
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 89:9 (Parallel theme): Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Psalms 107:29 (Parallel theme): He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

John 18:6 (Parallel theme): As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

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