

Psalms 75:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

Analysis

God continues: "The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it" (Hebrew namogim eretz v-khol-yoshveha anoki tikanti a-mudeha). "Dissolved" (Hebrew mug) describes melting, chaos, instability. Yet God declares "I bear up the pillars"—He sustains cosmic order despite apparent chaos. The metaphor of pillars (from ancient cosmology) pictures God holding creation together. The verse contrasts earthly instability with divine stability. When human structures collapse, God's governance remains unshaken.

Historical Context

Ancient cosmology envisioned the earth resting on foundations or pillars (Job 38:4-6, Psalm 104:5). This language appears throughout Scripture not as scientific description but theological affirmation: God sustains creation. Colossians 1:17 states Christ "holds all things together"—the same truth. Hebrews 1:3 describes Christ "upholding all things by the word of his power."

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God "bearing up the pillars" while earth "dissolves" provide stability amid personal or cultural upheaval?
2. What false foundations (career, relationships, wealth) have you seen dissolve, and how did you respond?
3. How does Christ upholding all things by His word demonstrate that ultimate security rests in Him alone?

Interlinear Text

תְּפִלְתִּי אָנֹכִי	וְשָׁבֵב יְהֹוָה	וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֵיךְ יְהֹוָה	נָמָג יְמִינְךָ	thereof are dissolved
H8505	H595	H3605	H3427	H776	The earth
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Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 2:8 (Parallel theme): He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

Isaiah 24:19 (Parallel theme): The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

Hebrews 1:3 (Parallel theme): Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

