

Psalm 78:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

Analysis

He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind—God orchestrated meteorology to deliver quail, using the qādîm (east wind) and dārōm (south wind) to drive exhausted birds into Israel's camp. The east wind regularly appears as God's judgment instrument (Exodus 10:13, Jonah 4:8), while the south wind brings heat and plenty.

This divine weather manipulation parallels Christ stilling the storm (Mark 4:39) —'even wind and sea obey him.' The God who commanded winds to satisfy Israel's lust can command them to advance His kingdom purposes. Pentecost's 'rushing mighty wind' (Acts 2:2) marked the Spirit's arrival, the true provision surpassing wilderness quail.

Historical Context

Numbers 11:31 describes quail migrating across the Red Sea, falling exhausted after long flight. God timed their migration and directed the wind to drop them precisely at Israel's camp—supernatural providence through natural means.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's sovereign control over weather patterns assure you of His detailed care?
2. What 'winds' is God orchestrating in your circumstances to provide what you need (not just what you crave)?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעֲלֵ

קָרְבָּן

בְּשָׁמָן

וְיָבֹא

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to blow

He caused an east wind

in the heaven

he brought in

and by his power

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תִּמְלָא:

the south wind

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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 11:31 (Parallel theme): And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

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