

Psalms 93:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

This enthronement psalm declares Yahweh's kingship (malak) with royal imagery of robes and strength. The affirmation that 'the world is established' (kun—firmly fixed) refutes both chaos theology and evolutionary randomness, asserting divine order in creation. God's clothing Himself with majesty and strength personifies His attributes, making abstract qualities tangible. The immovability of the world reflects God's sovereign control over creation, echoing Genesis 1.

Historical Context

This psalm may have been used during enthronement festivals in Israel or to celebrate God's kingship. It stands as a theological counter to ancient Near Eastern chaos myths.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does acknowledging God's reign over all creation affect your perspective on current events and uncertainties?
2. In what ways does the 'established' nature of God's world order bring you stability and peace?

Interlinear Text

הָיָה !	מְלֹא	בְּרִית	גָּא	וְתָ	לְבָשׂ	לְבָשׂ	לְבָשׂ	הָיָה !
The LORD	reigneth	with majesty	he is clothed	he is clothed	he is clothed	he is clothed	he is clothed	The LORD
H3068	H4427	H1348	H3847	H3847	H3847	H3847	H3847	H3068
עַز	תִּתְאַפֵּר	אָגָּז	תִּתְכִּיל	תִּתְכִּיל	תִּתְכִּיל	תִּתְכִּיל	תִּתְכִּיל	תִּתְכִּיל
with strength	wherewith he hath girded	H637	also is established	himself the world				
H5797	H247		H3559	H8398				
בָּלַט	תִּתְמַזֵּט							
H1077	that it cannot be moved							
	H4131							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 96:10 (Kingdom): Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Psalms 65:6 (Parallel theme): Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

1 Chronicles 29:12 (Kingdom): Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Psalms 99:1 (Kingdom): The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Revelation 19:6 (Kingdom): And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hebrews 1:8 (Kingdom): But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Psalms 103:19 (Kingdom): The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Psalms 145:13 (Kingdom): Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Isaiah 45:12 (Parallel theme): I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Psalms 97:1 (Kingdom): The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.