

# Psalms 98:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

## Analysis

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**Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof** (וִירָעַם הַיָּם וּמְלֵאוֹ, yir'am hayam umelo'o)—the psalmist summons creation itself to praise. Ra'am (roar, thunder) describes the sea's powerful voice. The phrase umelo'o (and its fulness) means everything the sea contains—creatures, waves, depths.

**The world, and they that dwell therein** (תֵּבֵל וְיוֹשְׁבֵיָהּ, tevel veyoshvei vah)—tevel (world, inhabited earth) expands from sea to land, from nature to humanity. Yoshvei (those dwelling) includes all earth's inhabitants. Creation theology meets universal worship: everything God made must praise its Maker.

This cosmic call to worship anticipates Romans 8:19-22, where creation itself groans for redemption's completion. Paul sees nature longing to join redeemed humanity in freedom's glory. The new creation will feature both renewed humans and renewed cosmos praising together (Revelation 21:1-4).

## Historical Context

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Ancient Israel understood creation as participant in covenant—cursed through Adam's fall (Genesis 3:17), blessed through Noah's rainbow (Genesis 9:13), responsive to God's voice (Psalm 29). This verse reflects Hebrew cosmology where creation actively responds to its Creator.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does viewing creation as worshiper (not mere resource) change your relationship to the natural world?
2. What does it mean that the 'sea roars' in praise—can inarticulate creation somehow glorify God?
3. How will Christ's redemption affect not just humans but the whole created order?

## Interlinear Text

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roar	Let the sea	and the fulness	thereof the world	and they that dwell	H0
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 49:13** (Parallel theme): Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

**Psalms 24:1** (Parallel theme): The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.