



Why Do the Nations Rage

Mark 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

- Psalm 107:23–31 (NKJV)
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,
- 24 They see the works of the Lord, And His wonders in the deep.
- 25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea. 26 They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits’ end. 28 Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses. 29 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. 30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven. 31 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
- John 6:15–21 (NKJV)
- 15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. 16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. 18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. 19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. 20 But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” 21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

Matthew 14:22–33 (NKJV)

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.
23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.
24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.
 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Mark 4:35-41 (NKJV)

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."
 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.
 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.
 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"
 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.
 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"
 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Matthew 8:23-27 (NKJV)

23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.
 24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.
 25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"
 26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
 27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

The Lord will still the tumult of the people (Psalm 65:6, 7)

The Lord, who by His power established the mountains and who stills the storms of the sea, will come at His Second Advent and with His power will still the tumult of the nations (the raging of the peoples of the world as they come against the remnant of the Israelites in battle, Psalm 2:1; 46:6; Joel 3:2; Zechariah 12:2, 3; 14:2; Revelation 16:14). Psalm 46:9; Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18; Zechariah 9:10.

Psalm 65:5-7 (NKJV)

5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas; 6 Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power; 7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.

Zechariah 9:9-10 (NKJV)

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.
 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Psalm 2:1-6 (NKJV)

1 **Why do the nations rage**, And the people plot a vain thing?
 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."
 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.
 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:
 6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

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Psalm 46:5-11 (NKJV)

5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.
 6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Joel 3:2 (NKJV)

2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

...“Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

Zechariah 12:2–4 (NKJV)

2 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.
3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.
4 In that day,” says the Lord, “I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

Zechariah 14:2–3 (NKJV)

2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
3 Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Revelation 16:12–16 (NKJV)

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15 “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

He will make wars to cease unto the end of the earth:

Psalms 46:8–9 (NKJV)

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

Isaiah 2:4 (NKJV)

4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Hosea 2:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸In that day I will make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely.

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