

the mountains, this is certainly something that goes beyond human power! When we look at the earlier context we find actually it is the Lord of whom it is speaking here. Look at v. 15 --"The Lord shall go forth as a might man, he shall stir up jealousy as a man of war, he shall cry, yea roar, he shall prevail against his enemies."

This morning I was looking at a book called the Documents of the Hexateuch, a book which divides the first six books of the Bible into the so-called J, E, and P sources. When I looked at the account of the J document of Exodus, I saw that in Ex.4:24 where Moses goes back to Egypt that "It came to pass by the way of the inn, that the Lord met Moses and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cast it at the feet of her son and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. So he let him go. And she said, A bloody husband thou art because of the circumcision." The footnote says, This is among the earliest paragraphs in the Hexateuch. The original idea of God, the Thunder God of Sinai before he was tamed and moderated by Moses and others, was one who would go on a tare and destroy anyone who got in His way. That Moses happened to get in his way and Zipporah made this blood offering! That appeased him and so he let Moses go!

That is the attitude and interpretation taken to the passage. We are not discussing that passage today, but here we see the present passage we are looking at at first sight might seem to fit with that sort of interpretation -- a mythological figure, a figure of supernatural power that simply goes on a tare and upsets things and destroys and leaves all kinds of damage behind. But we who believe the Bible is God's Word do not believe we can be satisfied with an interpretation like that. We believe the picture must tell something about the character of God. In his attacks(?) --- and when you look at this world that God has made, you find that every now and then there are terrible cataclysms of nature.

Back in 1893 there was an island 14 mi. long in the Pacific ocean that suddenly erupted. The island when up to 1400 feet in height ~~ix~~ before the eruption, but as a result of the eruption there was a great hole in the place there that was filled with water. The island disappeared. The shock of the exploding of was so great that it caused tremendous tidal waves that went clear around the world, and met each other and came back and that occurred three times. Windows were broken 100 miles away! We read of the great cataclysms of nature that occur in N. Italy, and occurred within ~~ix~~ the last year. Of the great devastation that has occurred.

There was a man that sent me a book years ago, and asked me to look over his manuscript and make suggestions. The Book was on THE FLOOD. The last 10 chs. of it were written by a different man; they dealt with scientific matters. I said, I'm not competent in that area, there's no sense in my going through that book. But the first four chs. dealt with Biblical evidence. The first three chs. gave evidence he believed the Flood was universal, and I thought he presented the evidence most excellently. I made c. 50 minor suggestions for improvement in his presentation, very minor matters in these 3 chs., and he wrote back that he accepted all of these really minor suggestions I had made. His fourth ch. did not suit me nearly as well as the first three. In the fourth ch. he went through what