

The background is a dramatic, dark painting of a tropical storm. On the left, a large palm tree stands amidst turbulent waves. In the center and right, several houses are visible, with one on the right showing significant damage to its roof. A bright, jagged lightning bolt strikes down from a dark, stormy sky in the center. The overall mood is one of intense natural power and destruction.

Why Does God Allow Destructive Storms?

- **Genesis 3**

- **¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;**
- **¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;**

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Romans 8

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Isaiah 11: 6-9

- **⁶ Then wolves will live at peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down in peace with young goats. Calves, lions, and bulls will all live together in peace. A little child will lead them. ⁷ Bears and cattle will eat together in peace, and all their young will lie down together and will not hurt each other. Lions will eat hay like cattle. ⁸ Even snakes will not hurt people. Babies will be able to play near a cobra's^[a] hole and put their hands into the nest of a poisonous snake.**
- **⁹ People will stop hurting each other. People on my holy mountain will not want to destroy things because they will know the LORD. The world will be full of knowledge about him, like the sea is full of water.**