

Job 38-39 – Summary Thoughts

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job* pp 227, 528-588 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1-2, 729, 740, 745, 755, 757, 765-770, 778, 930-932, 1105, 1222, 1649 for detailed comment. Page 1105 in particular comments on Ezekiel 28:16 with respect to the devil's 5 castings out ending in "*the lake of fire and brimstone*" Revelation 20:10.

Note of Explanation

Job 38-39 – Summary Thoughts has been developed from earlier studies:

The Lord – The Builder – Job 38

The Lord the Builder – diagrams relating to the study! with some updates of both figures and references

Version Comparison – Job 38:8, 12, 14-15.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php.

Job 38-39 – Summary Thoughts consists of:

- **The Lord – The Builder, Job 38:1-18** i.e. the original study with annotations:
 - ◆ **Notes** on Job 38:1-18 with remarks on 1984, 2011 NIVs errors in Job 38:1-18
 - ◆ **Introduction** for an overview of the Book of Job
 - ◆ **Job 38:1-18 – God the Builder and Creator** showing God's omnipotence in creation
 - ◆ **Study Questions, Job 38:1-18 – God the Builder and Creator** with sample answers
 - ◆ **Additional Notes, Job 38:1-11** on the 8 questions God asks in Job 38:1-11
 - ◆ **Table 1 Version Comparison Job 38:8, 12, 14-15** for pre and post-1611 versions
 - ◆ **Figure 1 Earth and "The Nether Parts of the Earth"**
 - ◆ **Figure 2 Earth's Interior – from the Nevada Seismological Lab**
 - ◆ **'Cosmic Curtains' - "They stand as a garment" Job 38:14b**
 - ◆ **"The High Arm Shall Be Broken" Job 38:15**
 - ◆ **References** See Reference 10 with respect to "*the shadow of death*" Job 38:17, Reference 12 with respect to cosmic curtains where "*they stand as a garment*" Job 38:14
- **Job 38:1-41, 39:1-30 Further Doctrinal Notes**
 - ◆ **Job 38:1-18** based upon **Study Questions, Job 38:1-18** with sample answers
 - ◆ **Job 38:19-41 – Summary Thoughts**
 - ◆ **Job 39:1-30 – Summary Thoughts**
 - ◆ **Job 38, 39 In Sum**

Updated annotations have been made in **red** versus **blue** shading for the Job 38:1-18 AV1611 versus the 1984, 2011 NIVs, **blue text** for additional notes and annotations to the earlier notes and **green** or *green italic* text for citations from other works unless otherwise stated. Some extracts from the earlier part of this work have been inserted under **Job 38:1-41, 39:1-30 Further Doctrinal Notes** without change of format.

Study Questions, Job 38:1-18 – God the Builder and Creator is an extractable study with sample answers which it is hoped may serve as a basis for a helpful group Bible study discussion for interested readers. It is further hoped that as with all previous written Bible studies by this writer, **Job 38-39 – Summary Thoughts** will prove to be an encouragement and edification for the reader.

"Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day" 1 Kings 8:61.

The Lord – The Builder, Job 38:1-18

Verse	AV1611	1984, 2011 NIVs
1	<i>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,</i>	<i>Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said:</i>
2	<i>Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?</i>	<i>“Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?</i>
3	<i>Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.</i>	<i>Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.</i>
4	<i>Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.</i>	<i>“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.</i>
5	<i>Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?</i>	<i>Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?</i>
6	<i>Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;</i>	<i>On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-</i>
7	<i>When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?</i>	<i>while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?</i>
8	<i>Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?</i>	<i>“Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,</i>
9	<i>When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,</i>	<i>when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,</i>
10	<i>And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,</i>	<i>when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place,</i>
11	<i>And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?</i>	<i>when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?</i>
12	<i>Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;</i>	<i>“Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place,</i>
13	<i>That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?</i>	<i>that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it?</i>
14	<i>It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.</i>	<i>The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment.</i>
15	<i>And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.</i>	<i>The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken.</i>

Verse	AV1611	1984, 2011 NIVs
16	<i>Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?</i>	<i>“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?”</i>
17	<i>Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?</i>	<i>Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?</i>
18	<i>Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.”</i>	<i>Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this.”</i>

Notes:

1. The term “*whirlwind*” Job 38:1 occurs 27 times in scripture in 25 verses. It is associated with God Himself e.g. 2 Kings 2:1, 11, first mentions, Job 38:1, 40:6, Ezekiel 1:4, Nahum 1:3, with “*storm*” and with God’s judgement on evil e.g. Psalm 58:9, Isaiah 66:15, Jeremiah 23:19, 30:23, Amos 1:14, Zechariah 7:14. “*Storm*” occurs 14 times in 13 verses and is also associated with God’s judgement on evil e.g. Job 21:8, 27:21, Psalm 83:15, Isaiah 28:2, 29:6, Nahum 1:3. However, “*the whirlwind*” Job 38:1, 40:6 appears to be part of the “*divers manners*” Hebrews 1:1 by which God identified Himself when He “*spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets*” and Job does prophesy e.g. Job 19:25, 26. The 1984, 2011 NIVs have therefore obscured revelation by alteration of “*whirlwind*” Job 38:1 to “*storm*.”

2. The term “*counsel*” Job 38:2 is defined in scripture as “*understanding*” Deuteronomy 32:28, Judges 12:13, Proverbs 8:14, Proverbs 21:30, “*advice*” Judges 20:7, “*good advice*” Proverbs 20:18, “*wisdom*” Jeremiah 49:7, Daniel 2:14. The 1984, 2011 NIVs have wrongly inserted the word “*my*” into Job 38:2 and totally corrupted the sense of the verse. See remarks below.

Observe that the word “*counsel*” is actually defined in the passage under study, in Job 38:4 “*Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.*” Job has no “*understanding*” during his ordeal of the events described in Job 1, 2 in “*the third heaven*” 2 Corinthians 12:2 which can only have been given to Elihu by God’s revelation but Job is not the main addressee of Job 38:2 as will be shown.

The 1984, 2011 NIVs substitution of “*Surely you know*” for “*if thou knowest*” in Job 38:5 is presumptuous. Job could not have had complete revelation with respect to God’s work of creation. Note how revelation is progressive from the Old to the New Testaments.

“And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?” Judges 13:18.

“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve” Acts 27:23.

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ” Ephesians 3:8-9.

3. In Job 38:7, the term “*sons of God*” AV1611 is more explicit than “*angels*” NIV. “*Sons of God*” are angelic beings as shown in Genesis 6:2, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 but the term “*angels*” refers both to “*ministering spirits*” Hebrews 1:13-14 and appearances, Exodus 3:2, Matthew 1:20, 18:10, Acts 12:15^{1,2}. It is as if Peter’s friends said to Rhoda “*You’ve seen a ghost.*”

By inspection, the 1984, 2011 NIVs’ substitution of “*when it burst forth*” for as “*if it had issued*” Job 38:8 is both stupid and wrong.

4. Job 38:11 ***“...Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed...”*** is a good reminder of the navy hymn:

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

See:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU



Roker Lighthouse, Sunderland

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eternal_Father,_Strong_to_Save. Note that the word *brood* in the third stanza is wrong and should be *move*, Genesis 1:2. Apart from that, the hymn is scriptural.

The Youtube soundtrack is from Easington Lane Independent Methodist Church, Houghton Le Spring, Tyne and Wear. The lighthouse is Roker Lighthouse, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, Northeast England. (The lighthouse appears from the graphic in the soundtrack to have undergone some refurbishment since the above photo was taken. This is in fact the case en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roker#Lighthouses_and_pier.)

Though best known as *The Navy Hymn*, the hymn is applicable as a prayer for all of God's saints who are pilgrims in ***“this present evil world”*** Galatians 1:4 as Isaiah explains.

“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt” Isaiah 57:20.

Job 38:11 is therefore a reminder that the scripture addresses reality, especially with respect to suffering, as in the case of Job, Job 1, 2.

5. ***“The dayspring”*** Job 38:12, Luke 1:78, knows his place both as the sun from which ***“there is nothing hid from the heat thereof”*** Psalm 19:6 with respect to the earth, just as the clay contacts every part of the metal seal pressed into it, Job 38:14 and as the Lord in ***“the place of judgment”*** and in ***“the place of righteousness”*** Ecclesiastes 3:16, because God ***“hath committed all judgment unto the Son”*** John 5:22. Note that Ecclesiastes 3:16 just happens to contain the phrase ***“under the sun”*** where ***“the Sun of righteousness”*** is the Lord Jesus Christ, Malachi 4:2. Note that, also like the clay and the seal and the sun in Psalm 19:6, ***“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”*** Proverbs 15:3. Therefore ***“the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether”*** Psalm 19:9b.

At the Second Advent, the Lord will be in ***“the place of judgment”*** seated ***“upon the throne of his glory”*** Isaiah 22:23, Jeremiah 17:12, Matthew 25:31-32, 41-46, where He will shake the wicked out of the inhabited earth, Job 9:6, 38:13, by casting them ***“into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”*** The Lord will then begin His thousand-year reign on earth, with His glorified and resurrected saints, Revelation 20:4-5. At the end of His thousand-year reign, the Lord will again be in ***“the place of judgment”*** seated upon ***“a great white throne”*** where before the creation of ***“a new heaven and a new earth”*** He will ***“cast into the lake of fire”*** any who are ***“not found written in the Book of life”*** Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1. In that respect, with ***“new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness”*** 2 Peter 3:13 that ***“shall remain before me, saith the LORD”*** Isaiah 66:22, the wicked will have finally been ***“shaken out of...the ends of the earth”*** Job 38:13. They are ***“cast...into a furnace of fire”*** Matthew 13:42, 50, ***“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched”*** Isaiah 66:24, Mark

9:44, 46, 48. Their final end is ***“the lake of fire...the second death”*** Revelation 20:14-15. The 1984, 2011 NIVs, NKJV substitution of *“shown the dawn its”* and *“caused the dawn to know its”* for ***“caused the dayspring to know his”*** breaks the cross reference to Luke 1:78, cuts out the Old Testament testimony of Job 38:12 to the Lord Jesus Christ and confuses the depiction of the Lord’s Return as ***“in the morning”*** Mark 13:35 with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and the translation of Church Age Saints Hebrews 11:5 at the Lord’s Return.

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts”
2 Peter 1:19.

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” 1 John 3:2.

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star” Revelation 22:16.

The scriptural depiction of the Lord’s Return as ***“in the morning”*** Mark 13:35 explains why many events recorded in scripture where God was clearly at work happened ***“early in the morning”*** Genesis 19:27, 20:8, 21:14, 22:3, 28:18, Exodus 8:20, 9:13, 24:4, 34:4, Joshua 3:1, 6:12, 7:16, 8:10 - all about Joshua, Judges 6:28, 1 Samuel 17:20, 29:10 twice, 2 Kings 3:22, 19:35, 2 Chronicles 20:20, Job 1:5, Isaiah 37:36, Daniel 6:19, Matthew 20:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 24:1, John 8:2, Acts 5:21 **27** references in total.

6. It may be difficult for NIV readers to reconcile Job 38:14 with Job 38:4-6 in the NIV. Job 38:4-6, 14 in the 1984, 2011 NIVs cannot be reconciled. Foundation, marking-off, footings and a cornerstone do not match formation from moulded clay. Formation from moulded clay does not in any way resemble features that *“stand out like those of a garment.”* The 1984, 2011 NIVs, NKJV miss the sense of Job 38:14. Job 38:14 ***“It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment”*** refers in turn to geocentricity and the auroras that give a preview of ***“everlasting habitations”*** Luke 16:9. See:

- *Geocentricity* by Dr Gerardus Bouw Chapter 3 *Motions of the World* and remarks on 1 Chronicles 16:30 ***“Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved”*** and Chapter 11 *Alleged Heliocentric Verses* pp 115, 117, 118 where Dr Bouw describes geological movements on and within the earth’s crust with application to Job 38:14 that are distinct from the earth itself being fixed in space with neither orbital nor rotational movement according to ***“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”*** Psalm 93:1. Note that ***“stablished”*** matches ***“stable”*** 1 Chronicles 16:30 i.e. *stabilised* as Dr Bouw notes in *Geocentricity* p 21
- Remarks above on Job 38:12
- Figures ‘Cosmic Curtains’ - ***“They stand as a garment”*** Job 38:14b, **Aurora Borealis** and **Aurora Australis** and Reference 12 on *Northern Lights*.

Job 38:15 ***“And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken”*** will come to pass in particular in the tribulation of the End Times for the final papal antichrist.

“Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye; his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened”
Zechariah 11:17.

Job 38:15 will also apply in the great tribulation of the End Times as God's judgement on *"the wicked"* intensifies with the approach of the Second Advent itself.

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light" Mark 13:24 with Matthew 24:29.

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise" Revelation 8:12.

See also figure *"The High Arm Shall Be Broken" Job 38:15* for specific examples from history and the present day. Note Hannah's encouragement that applies for today's believer and for *"perilous times"* 2 Timothy 3:1 yet future.

"He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail" 1 Samuel 2:9.

7. Note that *"the springs of the sea"* Job 38:16 have a Second Advent significance, typified by Elijah's ministry³, when his prayer ends the period of drought in Ahab's time when *"it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months"* James 5:17-18 with Luke 4:25. After Elijah had prayed seven times, 1 Kings 18:41-46, his servant said *"Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand."* This cloud was soon followed by *"a great rain."* Elijah is one of the two witnesses, along with Moses, Malachi 4:4-6, in the time of *"great tribulation"* Revelation 7:14, 11:3-6, who will institute another three-and-a-half year-long drought *"in the days of their prophecy."* The Lord will break the drought at the Second Advent, when, as indicated by Psalm 68:9 *"Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary."* See also Joel 2:23. The Lord at the Second Advent may use *"the springs of the sea"* to assist in breaking the drought. See **References**, on fresh water in the sea.

Introduction

Themes in Job

The Book of Job is largely about the suffering of the righteous and therefore it is not surprising that the name Job means⁴ “*One persecuted*” as Job was by the Devil, Job 1, 2. Job is “*a man in the land of Uz*” Job 1:1, which is in Edom, south of the Dead Sea, Lamentations 4:21. The Book therefore has significance for the End Times, when the Jewish remnant flees to “*the wilderness of Edom*” to escape their persecutors, 2 Kings 3:8, Revelation 12:14. Job typifies Israel’s remnant, whom God delivers, Jeremiah 30:7. See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Job 1 – Summary Thoughts](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Job%201%20-%20Summary%20Thoughts).

Much more could be said on the subject of the Book of Job and the End Times, including the importance of the city of refuge, Selah Petra⁵, also in “*the land of Uz.*” For now, it should simply be noted from the available evidence that the Book of Job is both the oldest Book in the Bible and the oldest, single, coherent book in the world.

It is therefore encouraging that God chooses the suffering of the righteous as a priority theme for His first Book of scripture and the Book well illustrates Lamentations 3:31-32 for the child of God who incurs suffering.

“For the Lord will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.”

The Age of the Book

Some observations about the timing of the events of the Book of Job and that of its writing are as follows.

The events of the Book certainly occurred before the Exodus because this deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt is not mentioned in Job though God’s judgement on the Egyptians at the Red Sea was well-known at the time, Joshua 2:10 “*For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.*” A comprehensive review of all the available evidence indicates that the Exodus took place sometime around 1500-1480 BC⁶ and Job probably lived around 1800-1600 BC.

The age of the Book is indicated by the Text itself, which reveals the human author to be one of Job’s contemporaries.

The Identity of the Writer

The AV1611 shows that the writer is the young man Elihu, Job 32:2-6, according to the distinct change of tense in Job 32:15-17 from the other verses in the chapter that make up Elihu’s speech.

“They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.”

The above statement of Elihu’s is clearly in retrospect, showing, according to the AV1611 that he is the human author of the Book of Job.

The significance is that as well as “*Paul the aged*” Philemon 9, the Lord is seeking “*young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one*” 1 John 2:14 for His service.

God the Creator – “He that built all things is God” Hebrews 4:4

In addition to the themes of the suffering of the righteous and the End Times, the Book of Job addresses the subject of God the Builder and indeed the Creator, especially in Job 38.

Job 38:1-18 – God the Builder and Creator

For the purpose of the study, the passage may be subdivided as follows.

Job 38:1-3. God’s Answer to Job’s Complaint

Job 38:4-11. God’s Greatness in Creation

Job 38:12-18. God’s Righteousness in Judgement

Like any builder, the Lord has a purpose in anything of which ***“the builder and maker is God”*** Hebrews 11:10 and it will be fulfilled when Zechariah 14:9 comes to pass.

“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”

Typifying suffering Israel, Job had his part in God’s purposes. So does the child of God.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end” Jeremiah 29:11.

Unanswered Questions

Note that the passage contains 38 questions, 14 up to and including verse 18, of which scientists have thus far answered no more than 25. In one sense, some of the answers are straightforward, e.g. Job himself is the answer in verse 2* and God Himself is clearly the immediate answer in verses 5-11. However, science has yet to identify empirically many of the creation details given in the passage e.g. ***“the corner stone”*** of verse 6 and ***“the doors”*** of verse 8. ****What is not so straightforward is that Job himself is not the sole addressee in Job 38:2. See Notes Note 2 and later remarks on Job 38:2.***

Therefore, far from being a Book that is merely ‘scientifically correct,’ the Holy Bible is the *only* scientific Text Book in existence on the origin of man and the universe.

Recognition of that demonstrable fact should always characterise a Bible-believing study of the scriptures, 2 Timothy 2:15.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Variant Readings – See Table 1, AV1611, Pre and Post AV1611 Bible Comparison

Inspection of the passage reveals seven important readings in Job 38:8, 12, 14, 15, 17b for which variant readings exist and a version comparison has therefore been carried out, using the AV1611 as the basis. The terms are ***“as if”*** verse 8, ***“dayspring”*** verse 12, ***“It is turned”*** and ***“they stand”*** verse 14, ***“shall be”*** verse 15 and ***“doors”*** and ***“shadow of death”*** verse 17b. The terms are essential for precise Biblical data on cosmology, verses 8, 14, typology, verse 12 and End Times prophecy, verses 15, 17b. The closer the agreement of the bibles considered with the AV1611 Text, the greater the accuracy with respect to these data. See **Table 1 Version Comparison Job 38:8, 12, 14-15.**

Study Questions, Job 38:1-18 – God the Builder and Creator

Job 38:1-3. God's Answer to Job's Complaint, Job 7:11-21

1. What do you make of God's answer to Job?

Job 38:4-11. God's Greatness in Creation

2. What do these verses reveal about God and His creation?

Job 38:12-18. God's Righteousness in Judgement

3. What do these verses reveal about God's Judgements and Purposes?

4. What do these revelations mean for me?

Study Questions, Job 38:1-18 – God the Builder and Creator

Job 38:1-3. God's Answer to Job's Complaint, Job 7:11-21

1. What do you make of God's answer to Job?

- God does answer Job, Luke 18:7 but doesn't mention Satan, Job 1, 2
- God is known via the whirlwind, Ezekiel 1:4, Hebrews 1:1, 1 John 4:1
- God gives light for dark, revelation for ignorance, Acts 26:18, Job 42:5
- God gives truth to a willing mind, Ephesians 6:14, 1 Peter 1:13

Job 38:4-11. God's Greatness in Creation. See accompanying figures

2. What do these verses reveal about God and His creation?

- God *is* the Creator, Job 38:4- 6, 8, 9-11. No chaotic 'big bang' occurred
- God creates with order, foundations and measurements, Isaiah 40:12
- God's⁷ "*earth is the perfect physical size and mass to support life.*"
- Earth's foundations *may* be "*the pillars of it*"⁸ 1 Samuel 2:8, Psalm 75:3
- Hell *may now* hold them fast, Ezekiel 31:14, Matthew 12:40, Acts 2:27, 31
- "*The corner stone*" *may now* be the iron core i.e. hell⁹
- Job 38:6, 7 may also refer to "*the heaven and the earth*" of Genesis 1:1:
- "*All the sons of God*" did *not* shout for joy in Genesis 1:7-8, "*good*" is gone
- "*The sea*" Job 38:8-11 has "*bars and doors*" not "*the sand*" Jeremiah 5:22
- "*The place brake up for it*" is "*the firmament*" Genesis 1:7 dividing the waters

Job 38:12-18. God's Righteousness in Judgement

3. What do these verses reveal about God's Judgements and Purposes?

- God "*commandeth the sun, and it riseth not*" Job 9:6-7 as a foretaste of hell:
- **Sinners'** light "*is withholden*" Job 10:22, 38:15, Exodus 10:21, Revelation 8:12
- "*The dayspring...shaketh the earth*" and is "*as clay to the seal*" Job 9:6, 38:12-14
- "*There is nothing hid from the heat thereof*" Psalm 19:6, **or its light** Luke 1:79:
- "*The high arm shall be broken*" Jeremiah 48:25, Zechariah 11:17, Revelation 13:14
- "*The dayspring*" shuts "*the doors of the shadow of death*" Luke 1:78, Psalm 23:4¹⁰
- And "*the gates of death*" but opens¹¹ "*springs of the sea*" Isaiah 35:7, James 5:18
- He "*seeth under the whole heaven...the breadth of the earth*" Job 28:24, 38:18
- And defeats Satan, Revelation 20:9 for "*everlasting righteousness*" Daniel 9:24
- With a foretaste of heaven¹² via the 'cosmic curtains', Job 38:14, Isaiah 40:22

4. What do these revelations mean for me? That:

- The Lord declares "*the end from the beginning*" Isaiah 46:10
- "*The New is in the Old concealed and the Old is in the New revealed*" – *Studies in Christian Living, Book 3, Walking with Christ, p 19, The Navigators*
- "*We through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope*" Romans 15:4
- "*Knowing...the terror of the Lord, we persuade men*" 2 Corinthians 5:11 or should

Additional Notes, Job 38:1-11

N.B. Job 38:1-11 contains 8 questions that God asks Job. See first set of notes for comments on Job 38:1, 2. [These notes reflect answers and remarks that apply mainly to Job.](#) See later remarks for the deeper implications of God's questions in Job 38:1-11.

1. [Job 38:3](#). An unsaved man will face this kind of questioning in Revelation 20:11-15. So could any saint not saved during the Church Age. A Christian will face his 'final exam' at "*the judgment seat of Christ*" Romans 14:10, presented in type in Job 26:1-4. See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job*, pp 337ff.

Next Sunday, July 17th 2011, it is hoped that this writer will have "*plentifully declared the thing as it is*" Job 26:3 with respect to *The KJB Story 1611-2011* at Bethesda Baptist Church, Notting Hill. [This presentation went well.](#)

2. [Job 38:4](#). The answer is nowhere. David could say with reference to himself as one of the "*houses of clay*" Job 4:19 from his original source Adam¹³, made of "*the dust of the ground*" Genesis 2:7 and brought forth from *water* Genesis 1:20 that "*My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them*" Psalm 139:15-16 but not before God "*laid the foundations of the earth.*"

Psalm 104:5, Proverbs 8:29, Isaiah 51:13 confirm that the Lord "*laid the foundations of the earth.*"

Concerning God's creation of man, this is from *Bible Believers' Bulletin*, October 1998, p 12.

*I am not the product of amoebas and sod,
Nor a shuttled thread in the loom of fate,
But a born-again son of the living God,
With eternity as my vast estate.*

3. [Job 38:5](#). See sample answers to **Study Question 2, What do these verses reveal about God and His creation?** and Reference 7 with respect to Scott M. Huse's book *The Collapse of Evolution*. Isaiah 40:12 poses a similar question.

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

Isaiah 40:18 gives the answer, both to Isaiah 40:12 and Job 38:5. It is the only possible answer.

"To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?"

Isaiah 44:13 describes the skilled carpenter "*The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass*" and the Lord is "*a wise masterbuilder*" 1 Corinthians 3:10. It is not surprising therefore that the Lord's earthly occupation should be that of a carpenter Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3. See also the parallel passage in Proverbs 8:22-30. [In particular with respect to Job 38:4-5 see Proverbs 8:29](#) "*When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth.*"

4. **Job 38:6.** See sample answers to **Study Question 2, What do these verses reveal about God and His creation?** Job 38:6 may refer to *“the pillars of the earth”* 1 Samuel 2:8. See also Job 9:6, Psalm 75:3, *Geocentricity* by Dr Gerardus Bouw pp 12-13, 17 and accompanying Figures 1, 2.

“He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD’S, and he hath set the world upon them” 1 Samuel 2:8.

Hell may now hold *“the foundations”* fast, Ezekiel 31:14, Matthew 12:40, Acts 2:27, 31. *“The corner stone thereof”* may now be the iron core i.e. hell.

Observe that with respect to the visible creation, the terms *“earth”* and *“world”* may be interchangeable or intimately associated, at least with respect to the *surface* of the earth.

“And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth” Job 37:12.

See also Psalm 19:4, 24:1, 33:8, 77:18, 89:11, 90:2, 96:13, 97:4, 98:9, Proverbs 8:26, Isaiah 18:3, 23:17, 24:4, 26:9, 18, 34:1, Jeremiah 10:12, 25:26, 51:15, Lamentations 4:12, Nahum 1:5, Acts 17:24, Romans 10:18, Revelation 13:8, 17:8 where *“earth”* and *“world”* are mentioned together.

See **Notes Note 6**, annotations. 1 Chronicles 16:30, Psalm 93:1 show that the terms *“earth”* and *“world”* are interchangeable with respect to the created earth. See also Proverbs 8:26 *“While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.”*

5. **Job 38:7.** Stars emit energy that could be audible and therefore they could ‘sing’ and this writer thinks that they do. However, *“the morning stars”* in the passage are very likely a choir of angels, angels being likened to stars¹⁴ in Revelation 1:20, 6:13, 12:4, that sang on *the original creation’s* morning Genesis 1:1 under the direction of the heavenly choir-master *“Lucifer, son of the morning!”* Isaiah 14:12. See also the association between *“the angels of God in heaven”* Matthew 22:30, *“they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead”* Luke 20:35 and those with *“everlasting life”* in Daniel 12:2, 3.

“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever” Daniel 12:3.

In other words, *“the morning stars”* are also *“sons of God,”* the remainder in Job 38:7 lifting their voices in praise to God as in Revelation 19:5.

“And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.”

See also **Notes Note 3** on Job 38:7 in the first set of notes that explains why the term *“sons of God”* AV1611 is more explicit than *“angels”* NIV.

6. **Job 38:8, 9, 10, 11.** See sample answers to **Study Question 2, What do these verses reveal about God and His creation?** Job 38:8, 9 almost certainly refer to Genesis 1:7.

“And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.”

From a devotional standpoint, see **Notes Note 4** on the navy hymn, *Eternal Father, strong to save.*

It should also be noted that God can do what King Canute¹⁵ could not.

“Perhaps now you will remember there is only one King who is all-powerful, and it is he who rules the sea, and holds the ocean in the hollow of his hand. I suggest you reserve your praises for him” - King Canute.

Job 38:9-11 cross reference with Job 26:8, 9, 10, Psalm 29:10, 2 Peter 3:5-6, Revelation 4:1:

Job 26:8-10 refer to clouds that are evidently the “*bounds*” of the created universe and the final partition between it and God’s heaven.

“He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.”

“He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.”

“He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.”

“The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.”

“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:”

“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.”

Note that 2 Peter 3:5-6 refer to *two* heavens, one being the heaven of the original creation of Genesis 1:1 **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth,”** the other being God’s heaven that existed before Genesis 1:1 and is now **“the third heaven”** 2 Corinthians 12:2. *Three* heavens exist now, according to Genesis 2:1, following the creation or *re-creation* of Genesis 1:3-31, the newly created heavens* being **“the firmament”** Genesis 1:7 and that for the **“fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.”** Note that **“the firmament”** of Genesis 1:7 is *not* **“open”** Job 26:8, 9, 10.

*Referred to collectively as **“heaven”** in Exodus 20:11, 31:17.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” Genesis 1:1.

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them” Genesis 2:1.

For an ‘in-depth’ discussion of **“the firmament”** see *Geocentricity* Chapter 28. It should also be noted that *Satellite Time*, June 1998¹⁶ reported that **““Oceans of water discovered in interstellar space””** in the constellation of Orion.

For an ‘in-depth’ discussion on **“the heaven”** of Genesis 1 and **“the heavens”** of Genesis 2:1, see Dr Ruckman’s commentary *The Book of Genesis*, pp 1-14, 47-48 and *Genesis 1:1-3* by Jeffrey A. Tibbetts, ISBN 0-9708974-0-7.

In sum, Job 38:1-11 reaffirm therefore that the 1611 Holy Bible is still the only real scientific textbook and that **“He that built all things is God”** Hebrews 4:4.

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them” Genesis 2:1.

Table 1
Version Comparison Job 38:8, 12, 14-15, Part 1, Pre-1611 Bibles

Verse	Wycliffe, 1395	Coverdale, 1535	Bishops, 1568	Geneva, 1587	AV1611	Notes
8	<i>Who closide to- gidere the see with doris, whanne it brak out comynge forth as of the wombe?</i>	<i>Who shutt the see with dores, when it brake forth as a childe out off his mothers wombe?</i>	<i>Who shut the sea with doores, when it brake foorth as out of the wombe?</i>	<i>Or who hath shut vp the Sea with doores, when it ys- sued and came foorth as out of the wombe:</i>	<i>Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, <u>as if it had</u> issued out of the womb?</i>	1. 7 key terms are emphasised for the AV1611 and where other bibles agree.
12	<i>Whethir aftir thi birthe thou co- maundist to the bi- gynnyng of dai, and schewidist to the morewtid his place?</i>	<i>Hast thou geue the mornynge his charge (as soone as thou wast borne) and shewed the davespringe his place,</i>	<i>Hast thou geue the morning his charge since thy dayes, and shewed the day spring his place,</i>	<i>Hast thou com- manded the morn- ing since thy dayes? hast thou caused the morning to knowe his place,</i>	<i>Hast thou com- manded the morn- ing since thy days; and caused the <u>dayspring to know</u> his place;</i>	2. The pre-1611 Bibles achieve 14 matches out of a possible 28 or 50% .
14	<i>A seeling schal be restorid as cley, and it schal stonde as a cloth.</i>	<i>Their tokes & weapes hast thou turned like claye, & set the vp agayne as the chaunginge of a garment.</i>	<i>They are fashioned as is the clay with the seale, and all stand vp as a gar- ment.</i>	<i><u>It is turned</u> as clay to facion, and all stand vp as a gar- ment.</i>	<i><u>It is turned</u> as clay to the seal; and <u>they stand as a</u> garment.</i>	3. These pre-1611 Bibles underlie the 16 th century English Protes- tant Reforma- tion.
15	<i>The liyt of wickid men schal be takun away fro hem, and an hiy arm schal be brokun.</i>	<i>Yee thou hast spoyled the vngodly off their light, & broke the arme of the proude.</i>	<i>The vngodly shall be disapointed of their light, and the arme of the proude shalbe broken.</i>	<i>And from the wicked their light shall be taken away, and the hie arme shalbe bro- ken.</i>	<i>And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm <u>shall</u> <u>be</u> broken.</i>	4. The post-1611 Bibles achieve 6 matches* or 21% . *3 of these are from the defunct RV.
17b	<i>and siest thou the derk doris?</i>	<i>or hast thou sene the dore of euerlas- tige treasure?</i>	<i>or hast thou seene the doores of the shadowe of death?</i>	<i>or hast thou seene the gates of the shadowe of death?</i>	<i>or hast thou seen the <u>doors</u> of the <u>shadow of death?</u></i>	5. The post-1611 Bibles tend away from the Reformation and towards Rome and Watchtower.

Table 1, Continued
Version Comparison Job 38:8, 12, 14-15, Part 2, Post-1611 Bibles

Verse	RV, 1885	NKJV, 1982	NIV, 1984	NRSV, 1989	JB, 1974	NWT, 1984
8	<i>Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?</i>	<i>or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb;</i>	<i>Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb,</i>	<i>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?"</i>	<i>Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,</i>	<i>And [who] barricaded the sea with doors, Which began to go forth as when it burst out from the womb;</i>
12	<i>Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days began; and caused the dayspring to know its place;</i>	<i>"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place,</i>	<i>Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place,</i>	<i>"Have you commanded the morning since your days began and caused the dawn to know its place,</i>	<i>Have you ever in your life given orders to the morning or sent the dawn to its post,</i>	<i>Was it from your days onward that you commanded the morning? Did you cause the dawn to know its place,</i>
14	<i>It is changed as clay under the seal; and all things stand forth as a garment:</i>	<i>It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment.</i>	<i>The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment.</i>	<i>It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.</i>	<i>when it changes the earth to sealing clay and dyes it as a man dyes clothes;</i>	<i>It transforms itself like clay under a seal, And things take their station as in clothing.</i>
15	<i>And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm is broken.</i>	<i>From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken.</i>	<i>The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken.</i>	<i>Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken.</i>	<i>stealing the light from wicked men and breaking the arm raised to strike?</i>	<i>And from the wicked ones their light is held back, And the high arm itself gets broken.</i>
17b	<i>or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?</i>	<i>Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?</i>	<i>Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?</i>	<i>or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?</i>	<i>or met the janitors of shadowland?</i>	<i>Or the gates of deep shadow can you see?</i>

Key:

RV Revised Version, NKJV New King James Version, NIV New International Version, NRSV New Revised Standard Version, JB Jerusalem Bible, NWT New World Translation. Bibles are from Studylight.org except the RV, JB, NWT, which are from printed copies and Watchtower.org respectively.

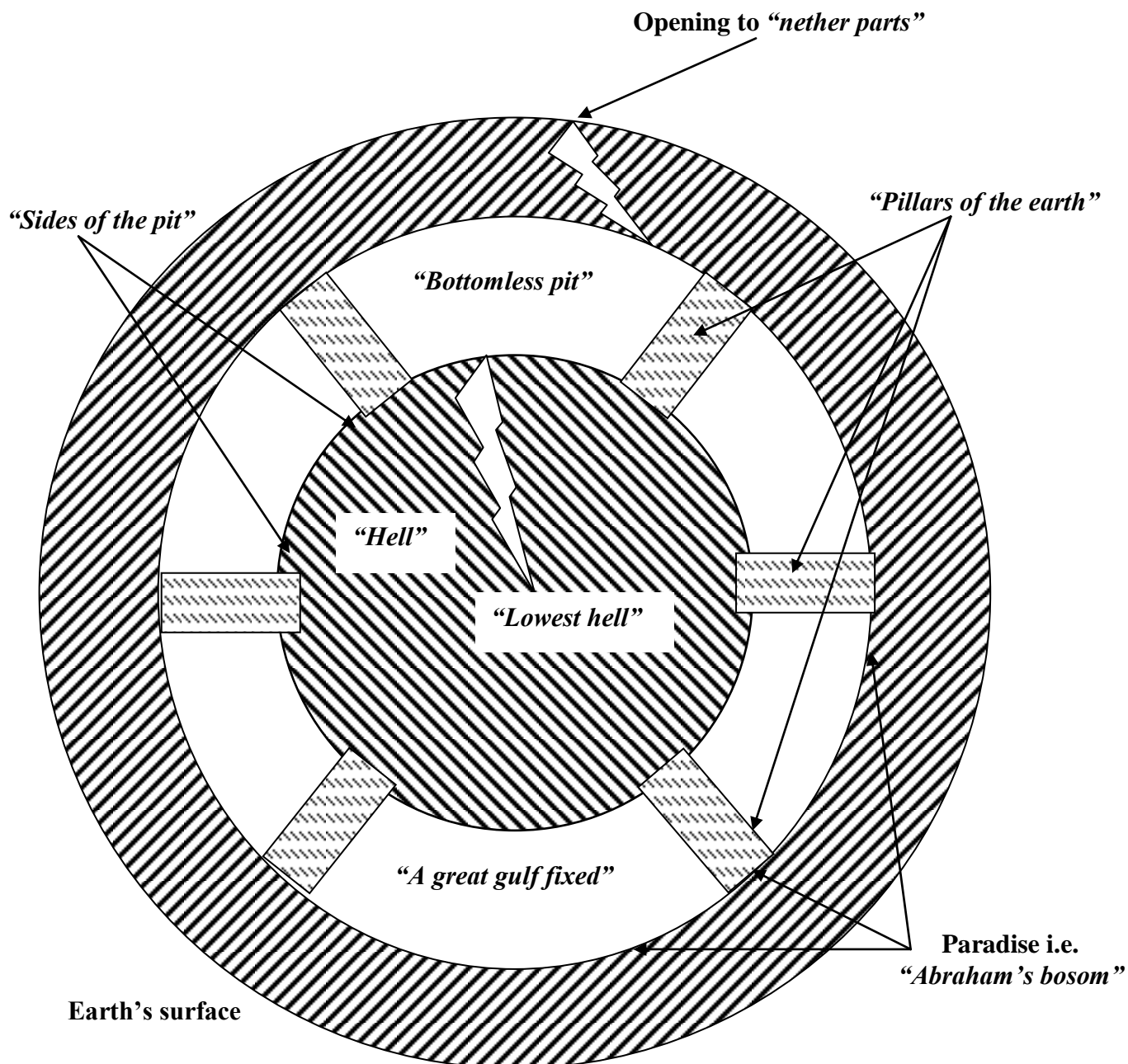


Figure 1 Earth and “The Nether Parts of the Earth”

Figure 1 - Key to Texts. N.B. **“Hell”** occurs 54 times in *“the scripture of truth”* Daniel 10:21

“A great gulf fixed” Luke 16:26

“Abraham’s bosom” Luke 16:22

“Bottomless pit” Revelation 9:1, 2, 11, 11:7, 17:8, 20:1, 3

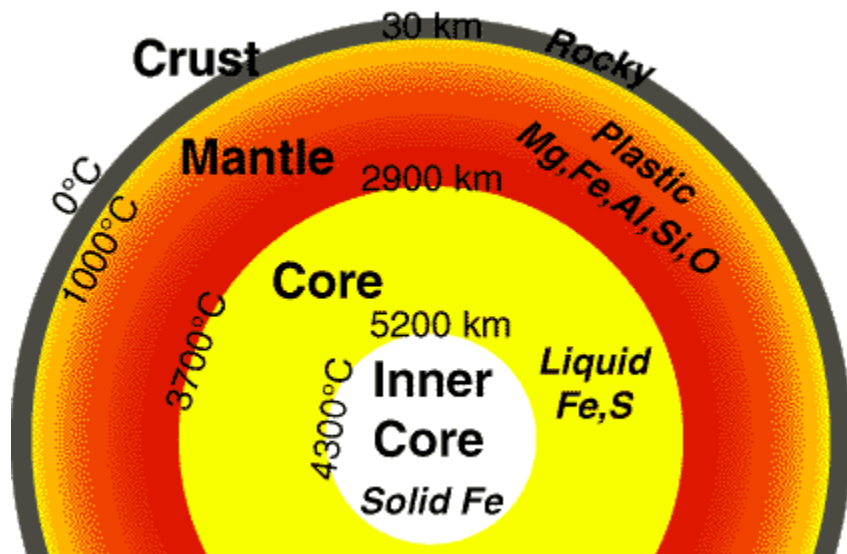
“Hell” (*sheol**) Deuteronomy 32:22; 2 Samuel 22:6; Job 11:8, 22:6; Psalm 9:17, 16:10, 18:5, 55:15, 86:13, 116:3, 139:8; Proverbs 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11, 24, 23:14, 27:20; Isaiah 5:14, 14:9, 15, 28:15, 18, 57:9; Ezekiel 31:16, 17, 32:21, 27; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2; Habakkuk 2:5 (*hades**) Matthew 11:23, 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13, 14, (*geena**) Matthew 5:22, 29, 30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5, James 3:6, (*tartarus**) 2 Peter 2:4. *The distinctions are irrelevant in English

“Lowest hell” Deuteronomy 32:22, Psalm 86:13

“Nether parts of the earth” Ezekiel 31:14, 16, 18, 32:18, 24

“Pillars of the earth” 1 Samuel 2:8

“Sides of the pit” Isaiah 14:15, Ezekiel 32:23



The earth is divided into four main layers: the **inner core**, **outer core**, **mantle**, and **crust**. The core is composed mostly of iron (Fe) and is so hot that the outer core is **molten**, with about 10% sulphur (S). The inner core is under such extreme **pressure** that it remains solid. Most of the Earth's mass is in the mantle, which is composed of iron (Fe), magnesium (Mg), aluminum (Al), silicon (Si), and oxygen (O) **silicate** compounds. At over 1000 degrees C, the mantle is solid but can deform slowly in a **plastic** manner. The crust is much thinner than any of the other layers, and is composed of the least dense calcium (Ca) and sodium (Na) aluminum-silicate minerals. Being relatively cold, the crust is rocky and **brittle**, so it can fracture in **earthquakes**.

Figure 2 Earth's Interior – from the Nevada Seismological Lab¹⁷



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'Cosmic Curtains' - "They stand as a garment" Job 38:14b

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Job 38:1-41, 39:1-30 Further Doctrinal Notes

Job 38:1-18 based upon **Study Questions, Job 38:1-18** with sample answers

God's Answer to Job's Complaint, Job 7:11-21

See **Notes** Note 1 with respect to *"the whirlwind"* of Job 38:1. It is this writer's conclusion that though Job 38:1 states *"Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said"* Job is not the only and indeed not the main addressee of Job 38, 39.

- *Scripture has a direct form of address for an individual.* The expression *"answered and said unto him"* Genesis 27:39, 31:14, 2 Kings 1:11, Matthew 12:48, 16:17, 25:26, 26:33, 63, Mark 7:28, 10:20, 51, Luke 4:8, 17:37, John 1:48, 50, 3:3, 9, 10, 7:52, 8:39, 9:34, 13:7, 14:23, 18:30, 20:28 is used, 25 occurrences in all. God does not use that expression in Job 38:1.
- *God does not directly address Job's complaint Job 7:11-21.* Job earnestly asks God *"...why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself? And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity?..."* Job 7:20-21 but God does not answer Job's questions from Job 7:11-21 in Job 38, 39. Yet James 1:5 states *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."*
- *God instead apparently rebukes Job.* *"Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me"* Job 38:2-3.

Job had complained in bitterness to God in that he had said *"...I will complain in the bitterness of my soul"* Job 7:11. Job had exhibited self-righteousness, Job 13:15, 16:17, 27:6 with Job 32:1, 35:2, 40:8. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Job 35-37 – *Summary Thoughts* and remarks on Job 35:16.

However, God does not substantiate Job 38:2 with respect to Job even though heathen Romans specified charges against a perceived wrongdoer and thought it unreasonable not to do so.

"For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him" Acts 25:27

Moreover, in contrast to darkening *"counsel by words without knowledge"* Job had repeatedly given *good* counsel and spoken *"the words of knowledge"* Proverbs 19:27, 23:12 and *"words of truth"* Proverbs 22:21 twice, Ecclesiastes 12:10, Acts 26:25. See for example the following passages with Job's explicit statements even in his suffering and despair of counsel and knowledge that are just as applicable for today's believer.

Job 9 with Job 9:20 *"If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse."*

Job 12 with Job 12:9-10 *"Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind."*

Job 19 with Job 19:25-26 *"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."*

Job 28 - arguably the greatest chapter in the scripture on the attributes of wisdom - with Job 28:20, 23, 27-28 *"Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?...God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof... Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."*

Job 28:28 **“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding”** is the most enlightened counsel and the best **“words of knowledge”** and **“words of truth and soberness”** Acts 26:25 that can be given to anyone as Nehemiah would later confirm in a very real and practical sense.

“But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God” Nehemiah 5:15.

Many in positions of authority and responsibility today are corrupt because **“There is no fear of God before their eyes”** Romans 3:18.

Even where Job lapses into presumption **“I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments”** Job 23:4 he also speaks **“the word of wisdom”** and **“the word of knowledge”** 1 Corinthians 12:8 that continue to be applicable to today’s believer *and many if not most fail to apply them with respect to the most beneficial principle of No Bible, no breakfast!*

“Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food” Job 23:12.

- Job 38:2 *must be understood by typology.* Job in his suffering and despair typifies the lost man in hell. See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Job 29-31](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Job%2029-31) p 4.

Job is experiencing feverish heat, burning of skin and bone and weeping with no respite.

“My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me...My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep” Job 30:27, 30-31.

Job is here describing indeed typifying the condition of the lost man in hell.

For the association of Job 30:28 **“I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation”** and the lost man in hell, see below.

For the association of Job 30:29 **“I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls”** and the lost man in hell see www.timefortruth.co.uk/bible-studies/alan-oreillys-studies.php *Dragons - What saith the Scripture* pp 2, 3, 4, 5.

As such, noting the association with **“dragons”** and **“owls”** that match **“the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird”** Revelation 18:2 Job typifies the end state of *another* individual. It is *this* individual to whom God says **“Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me”** Job 38:2-3 *through Job*.

Job 7:21 **“...for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be”** indicates that in his despair he would not be able to obey Job 38:3 directly because the Lord’s words to Job in Job 38:2 have been **“like the piercings of a sword”** Proverbs 12:18 not **“good words and comfortable words”** Zechariah 1:13. Only words such as those impart strength for the girding up of the loins as Daniel shows.

“Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me” Daniel 10:18-19.

It is Job’s typology that identifies the *main* addressee of Job 38, 39. Note the following.

- *Job's typology is Lucifer's end state.* Note the following scripture comparisons “*comparing spiritual things with spiritual*” 1 Corinthians 2:13 first with respect to Job:

“For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment” Job 9:32.

“I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister. And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust” Job 17:14-16 “They” being “corruption” and “the worm” with Job as he then perceived his own end.

“My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me...My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep” Job 30:27, 30-31.

Now with respect to Lucifer:

“Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?” Job 41:9. See upcoming study **Job 40-41 – Summary Thoughts.**

“Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!...thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms” Isaiah 14:9-12, 15-16.

“...for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched” Isaiah 66:24.

“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” Mark 9:44, 46, 48.

Job as the type of the lost man in hell typifies Lucifer in his end state with respect to:

- ◆ “...a man, as I am” Job 9:32 with “Is this the man” Isaiah 14:16 with application to “that man of sin...the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- ◆ “the worm...the pit...the dust” Job 17:14, 16 with “the worm...the worms...the ground...the sides of the pit” Isaiah 14:11, 12, 15
- ◆ “And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?” Job 17:15 with “Behold, the hope of him is in vain” Job 41:9
- ◆ “My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep” Job 30:31 with “Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols” Isaiah 14:11

In sum, Job as the type of the lost man in hell typifies Lucifer in his end state with respect to a lost man, the worm, the pit, the dust, loss of hope i.e. no “blessed hope” Titus 2:13 and funeral dirge with stringed instruments. That is seven particulars.

It follows that the individual to whom God says “Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me” Job 38:2-3 through Job is Lucifer i.e. Satan. Note the following points.

- *It is Lucifer i.e. Satan* Job 1:6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 2:1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 ***“that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge”*** Job 38:2.

“But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face” Job 1:11.

“In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly” Job 1:22.

“But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face” Job 2:5.

“...What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips” Job 2:10.

Job 1:11, 22, 2:5, 10 show that was *Satan* not Job ***“that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge”*** Job 38:2 because *Satan* did not know Job. Only God did. That is an encouragement for today’s believer.

“...for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men...” 1 Kings 8:39 with 2 Chronicles 6:30. God also knows the devil’s heart, which is a further encouragement for today’s believer as Paul discloses.

“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” Hebrews 4:13.

- *Lucifer i.e. Satan is a would-be usurper.*

“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” Isaiah 14:13-14.

Isaiah 14:13 shows the extent of the devil’s intended usurpation in that *Satan* would even exalt himself above the Lord Jesus Christ ***“the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star”*** Revelation 22:16. That is why many new versions such as the 1984, 2011 NIVs substitute “*morning star*” for “*Lucifer*” in Isaiah 14:12 in order to deceive the reader into thinking that it is the Lord Jesus Christ fallen from heaven instead of the devil. See *New Age Bible Versions* by Gail Riplinger Introduction p 4 and Chapter 2 *Praying to a New God: Lucifer*.

“They chose new gods; then was war in the gates...” Judges 5:8.

- *God will therefore bring Lucifer i.e. Satan down.*

“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” Isaiah 14:15.

- *Lucifer i.e. Satan will then be forever as Job was temporarily in his ordeal.*

“He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes” Job 30:19.

“But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet” Isaiah 14:19.

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” Revelation 20:10.

Job 38, 39 show that as a would-be usurper, the devil is not fit to reign and is doubly deserving of his fate as is his state-church: ***“double unto her double according to her works”*** Revelation 18:6.

Unlike the devil, Job, it should be noted, having also been addressed in Job 38-39 even though not the main addressee but as *any* self-righteous individual Job 13:15, 16:17, 27:6 with Job 32:1, 35:2, 40:8 has this *final* right response.

“Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes” Job 42:6.

- God therefore exalted Job, who then typified the Lord Jesus Christ in His exaltation.

“I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners” Job 29:25.

“And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before” Job 42:10.

“He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill” Psalm 113:7.

“Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies” Song of Solomon 6:13.

The Lord’s army, Joel 2:11, is therefore “two armies” that are “the armies which were in heaven” Revelation 19:14 that make up “the army of heaven” and with them “in righteousness he doth judge and make war” Revelation 19:11 victoriously as Nebuchadnezzar testified and who should be a role model for “them that dwell upon the earth” Revelation 3:10. As shown above, Nebuchadnezzar’s testimony applies to both “the prince of this world” John 12:31, 14:40, 16:11 and any who are self-righteous, Job 13:15, 16:17, 27:6 with Job 32:1, 35:2, 40:8.

“And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?...Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase” Daniel 4:35, 37.

Job 38:4-11. God’s Greatness in Creation

Introductory Note

Note that Job clearly does not figure in answer to any of God’s questions in Job 38, 39 but it is essential to show that neither does the would-be usurper Lucifer i.e. Satan whom God addresses through Job. As indicated, see remarks above, God therefore shows that Lucifer is not fit to reign and therefore fully deserving of double judgement.

However, “I wisdom” Proverbs 8:12 was with God at the creation of the earth.

“The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was...When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him” Proverbs 8:22-23, 29-30.

“I wisdom” Proverbs 8:12 of “the old testament” 2 Corinthians 3:14 is the Lord Jesus Christ of “the new testament” 2 Corinthians 3:6 as Paul explains.

“Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” 1 Corinthians 1:30.

Unlike Lucifer i.e. Satan, the Lord Jesus Christ is therefore fit to reign as the scripture itself confirms.

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” Revelation 11:15.

The details follow. Note of course that Lucifer was present when God created *“the heavens and the earth, which are now”* 2 Peter 3:7. Ezekiel 28:14 says of Lucifer that *“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”* Nothing is said in Genesis 1:2-31 about the creation of cherubs, Ezekiel 10:2, 4, 7, 9, 14. They therefore already existed when God created *“the heavens and the earth, which are now”* 2 Peter 3:7.

However, Lucifer had no part in that creation or in sustaining it. That is the sense of God’s questions to Lucifer as they are directed through Job in Job 38, 39. God is taunting the devil in that respect.

- *“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?...”* Job 38:4. Lucifer was not there in the founding of the earth as such i.e. he did not take part in it because the scripture doesn’t mention him with respect to *“the foundation of the earth”* singular at which time God would have *“laid the foundations of the earth”* plural. Three different writers of scripture, David, Isaiah, Zechariah, give testimony.

“Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands” Psalm 102:25 with Hebrews 1:10.

“Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together” Isaiah 48:13.

“The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him” Zechariah 12:1.

- *“Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest?...”* Job 38:5. Lucifer did not take part when the Lord set out the measures for the earth because the scripture makes no mention of Lucifer in that respect. Isaiah’s testimony in response to Job 38:5 precludes any participation by Lucifer.

“Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?...To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?” Isaiah 40:12.

- *“...who hath stretched the line upon it?”* Job 38:5. This is the line whereby *“Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun”* Psalm 19:4 and by which Lucifer does not rate a mention but instead visible the world over *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork”* Psalm 19:1. See figure ‘Cosmic Curtains’ - *“They stand as a garment”* Job 38:14b and Reference 12 Northern Lights Bible Believers’ Bulletin, August 1988, p 12.

- *“Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”* Job 38:6-7. See **Figure 1 Earth** and *“The Nether Parts of the Earth”* and **Figure 2 Earth’s Interior – from the Nevada Seismological Lab**. These figures and the associated scriptures depict *“the pillars of the earth”* 1 Samuel 2:8 as its foundations that hold up the earth’s surface or crust and are fastened into its core that is iron and now hell as the Lord reveals when warning Israel of conditions that will be *like* hell in their own land for their disobedience to God. *“And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron”* Deuteronomy 28:23 and context.

Genesis 1:1 *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”* reveal that God *“laid the corner stone thereof”* Job 38:6. **Additional Notes, Job 38:1-11** Note 5 confirms that *“God, who created all things by Jesus Christ”* Ephesians 3:9 did everything in that respect - See **Introductory Note** on *“I wisdom”* Proverbs 8:12 - while Lucifer led the choral musical accompaniment but that was all Lucifer did. See the following extract.

5. Job 38:7. Stars emit energy that could be audible and therefore they could ‘sing’ and this writer thinks that they do. However, *“the morning stars”* in the passage are very likely a choir of angels, angels being likened to stars [Dr Ruckman’s commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 307-308] in Revelation 1:20, 6:13, 12:4, that sang on *the original creation’s* morning Genesis 1:1 under the direction of the heavenly choir-master *“Lucifer, son of the morning!”* Isaiah 14:12...

- *“Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth...When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it. And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?”* Job 38:8-11. **Additional Notes, Job 38:1-11** Note 6 confirms that *“God, who created all things by Jesus Christ”* Ephesians 3:9 did everything in that respect - See **Introductory Note** on *“I wisdom”* Proverbs 8:12 - while Lucifer contributed nothing. See the following extract. God had to assuage *“the waters which were above the firmament”* Genesis 1:7, set up bounds of cloud and darkness for them except for *“the way where light dwelleth”* Job 38:19 – see [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Job 35-37](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Job%2035-37) pp 9-10 – and *break up “the waters which were above the firmament”* in order to set up *entrance* to and *exit* from *“the third heaven”* 2 Corinthians 12:2 by means of *“bars and doors”* especially given that *“the face of the deep is frozen”* Job 38:30. See also **Notes** Note 4 on Job 38:11.

6. Job 38:8, 9, 10, 11. See sample answers to **Study Question 2, What do these verses reveal about God and His creation?** Job 38:8, 9 almost certainly refer to Genesis 1:7.

“And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so”...

Job 38:9-11 cross reference with Job 26:8, 9, 10, Psalm 29:10, 2 Peter 3:5-6, Revelation 4:1:

Job 26:8-10 refer to clouds that are evidently the *“bounds”* of the created universe and the final partition between it and God’s heaven.

“He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.”

“He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.”

“He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.”

“The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.”

“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:”

“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.”

For exiting *“the third heaven”* note these *Second Advent* scriptures.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean” Revelation 19:11, 14.

Isaiah’s prophecy shall then come to pass as will judgement upon Lucifer. *“For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come”* Isaiah 63:4.

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season” Revelation 20:1-3.

Job 38:12-18. God's Righteousness in Judgement

The questions of Job 38:12-18 set forth God's righteous judgement upon Lucifer the incompetent would-be usurper and his incarnation "*antichrist*" 1 John 2:18 (!) because:

- ◆ *Lucifer is "the prince of this world"* John 12:31, 14:30. "*The dayspring*" Job 38:12 "*I Jesus...the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star*" Revelation 22:16 will take his place at the Second Advent when "*The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*" Revelation 11:15.
- ◆ *Lucifer's incarnation is "that man of sin...the son of perdition"* 2 Thessalonians 2:3 with Revelation 13:18. He will be shaken out of the earth, Job 38:13 when "*...that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming*" 2 Thessalonians 2:8.
- ◆ *Lucifer's incarnation will suffer darkness, have his right arm broken and descend through "the gates of death"* Job 38:15, 17, Zechariah 11:17, Mark 13:24 with Matthew 24:29, Revelation 8:12 when at the Second Advent "*He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world*" Job 18:18 (!!).

The more detailed analysis of Job 38:12-18 follows. As indicated, Job 38:12-15 address God's judgement on Lucifer. Job 38:16-18, as indicated earlier, are far beyond anything that Job could envisage but for Lucifer Job 38:16-18 outline what as "*the prince of this world*" John 12:31, 14:30 he is about to lose under "*the righteous judgment of God*" Romans 2:5, 2 Thessalonians 1:5.

- "*Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment. And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken*" Job 38:12-15.

See **Notes** Note 5, 6 and these extracts with no changes of format.

5. "*The dayspring*" Job 38:12, Luke 1:78, knows his place both as the sun from which "*there is nothing hid from the heat thereof*" Psalm 19:6 with respect to the earth, just as the clay contacts every part of the metal seal pressed into it, Job 38:14 and as the Lord in "*the place of judgment*" and in "*the place of righteousness*" Ecclesiastes 3:16, because God "*hath committed all judgment unto the Son*" John 5:22. Note that Ecclesiastes 3:16 just happens to contain the phrase "*under the sun*" where "*the Sun of righteousness*" is the Lord Jesus Christ, Malachi 4:2. Note that, also like the clay and the seal and the sun in Psalm 19:6, "*The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good*" Proverbs 15:3. Therefore "*the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether*" Psalm 19:9b.

At the Second Advent, the Lord will be in "*the place of judgment*" seated "*upon the throne of his glory*" Isaiah 22:23, Jeremiah 17:12, Matthew 25:31-32, 41-46, where He will shake the wicked out of the inhabited earth, Job 9:6, 38:13, by casting them "*into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*" The Lord will then begin His thousand-year reign on earth, with His glorified and resurrected saints, Revelation 20:4-5. At the end of His thousand-year reign, the Lord will again be in "*the place of judgment*" seated upon "*a great white throne*" where before the creation of "*a new heaven and a new earth*" He will "*cast into the lake of fire*" any who are "*not found written in the Book of life*" Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1. In that respect, with "*new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness*" 2 Peter 3:13 that "*shall remain before me, saith the LORD*" Isaiah 66:22, the wicked will have finally been "*shaken out of...the ends of the earth*" Job 38:13. They are "*cast...into a furnace of fire*" Matthew 13:42, 50, "*Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched*" Isaiah 66:24, Mark 9:44, 46, 48. Their final end is "*the lake of fire...the second death*" Revelation 20:14-15.

6. ...Job 38:14 ***“It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment”*** refers in turn to geocentricity and the auroras that give a preview of ***“everlasting habitations”*** Luke 16:9. See:

- *Geocentricity* by Dr Gerardus Bouw Chapter 3 *Motions of the World* and remarks on 1 Chronicles 16:30 ***“Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved”*...**
- Figures ‘Cosmic Curtains’ - ***“They stand as a garment”*** Job 38:14b, **Aurora Borealis** and **Aurora Australis** and Reference 12 on *Northern Lights*.

Job 38:15 ***“And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken”*** will come to pass in particular in the tribulation of the End Times for the final papal antichrist.

“Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened” Zechariah 11:17.

Job 38:15 will also apply in the great tribulation of the End Times as God’s judgement on ***“the wicked”*** intensifies with the approach of the Second Advent itself.

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light” Mark 13:24 with Matthew 24:29.

“And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise” Revelation 8:12.

See also figure ***“The High Arm Shall Be Broken”*** Job 38:15 for specific examples from history and the present day that pre-figure Lucifer’s incarnation ***“the antichrist”*** 1 John 2:18. Note Hannah’s encouragement that applies for today’s believer and for ***“perilous times”*** 2 Timothy 3:1 yet future.

“He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail” 1 Samuel 2:9.

- ***“Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all”*** Job 38:16-18. See **Notes** Note 7 and Reference 10 as follows, with no format changes with respect to initial remarks on Job 38:16, 17.

7. Note that ***“the springs of the sea”*** Job 38:16 have a Second Advent significance, typified by Elijah’s ministry¹⁸, when his prayer ends the period of drought in Ahab’s time when ***“it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months”*** James 5:17-18 with Luke 4:25. After Elijah had prayed seven times, 1 Kings 18:41-46, his servant said ***“Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man’s hand.”*** This cloud was soon followed by ***“a great rain.”*** Elijah is one of the two witnesses, along with Moses, Malachi 4:4-6, in the time of ***“great tribulation”*** Revelation 7:14, 11:3-6, who will institute another three-and-a-half year-long drought ***“in the days of their prophecy.”*** The Lord will break the drought at the Second Advent, when, as indicated by Psalm 68:9 ***“Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.”*** See also Joel 2:23. The Lord at the Second Advent may use ***“the springs of the sea”*** to assist in breaking the drought. See **References**, on fresh water in the sea.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Rift_Valley. ***“The valley of the shadow of death”*** Psalm 23:4 may be the Great Rift Valley that passes through the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea towards the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea, which ‘just happens’ to be the area near ***“the land of Uz”*** where Job was, Job 1:1. It is possible that whatever embodies ***“the shadow of death”*** may emerge from beneath the Rift Valley via ***“a great earthquake”*** Revelation 6:12 when its ***“doors”*** are opened Job 38:17 during the time of ***“Jacob’s trouble”*** and ***“great Tribulation”*** Jeremiah 30:7, Revelation 7:14. The

Lord would then dispel *“the shadow of death”* and shut the doors on any further manifestation of it at the Second Advent. Psalm 23:4 indicates God’s protection for His people at that time.

Note that at the time of *“a new heaven and a new earth”* the Lord will shut* *“the gates of death”* forever by means of the restoration of *“the tree of life”* Genesis 2:9, 3:22, 24, Revelation 2:7, 21:1, 22:2, 14. *He will actually have disposed of them in *“the lake of fire...the second death”* Revelation 20:14

Note also that *“the valley of the shadow of death”* had historical significance for David as *“the valley of Elah”* where David fought and killed Goliath, though the giant had vowed to kill him 1 Samuel 17:2-3, 44-51. Devotionally, *“the valley of the shadow of death”* also applies to *“the saints and martyrs of Jesus”* who suffered for the Lord down through the centuries, especially at the hands of Rome and her abominable offspring like Islam, Hebrews 11:35-38, Revelation 17:6, *The Prophet, Alberto Part 6*, Chick Publications, 1988.

Lucifer would know of *“the springs of the sea...the depth...the gates of death...the doors of the shadow of death...the breadth of the earth”* Job 38:16-18 as the Book of Job indicates. Note in Job 1:7, 2:2 that the Lord is addressing Satan specifically. The text therefore does not have to read *answered and said unto him*. See remarks earlier on Job 38:1, 2 under *God’s Answer to Job’s Complaint, Job 7:11-21*.

“And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it” Job 1:7.

“And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it” Job 2:2.

The devil says nothing in response to the Lord’s challenge *“declare if thou knowest it all”* Job 38:18. Lucifer does not know all of *“the springs of the sea...the depth...the gates of death...the doors of the shadow of death...the breadth of the earth”* Job 38:16-18 as God the Creator does and as only God the Creator does. Again, Lucifer is not fit to reign on earth independently of God and will lose what ruler-ship he has because as Isaiah prophesied of him *“thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit”* Isaiah 14:15. See remarks above with respect to *Job’s typology is Lucifer’s end state*.

Note now that it is indeed *God* and *only God* that *“knowest it all.”*

“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it” Exodus 20:11.

“The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works” Psalm 145:9.

“The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing” Psalm 145:15-16. God sustains *all* living creatures, even the ungodly ones as *“the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways”* Daniel 5:23. Lucifer does not and cannot do this. He is not fit to reign.

“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever” Psalm 146:5.

“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is” Acts 4:24.

“...We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein” Acts 14:15.

“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world” Acts 15:18.

Today’s believer should therefore always keep in mind King David’s prayer.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” Psalm 139:23-24.

Job 38:19-29. God’s Glory in light, dark, rain, snow and ice

- *“Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?”* Job 38:19-21.

Even though it was once true of Lucifer that *“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...”* Ezekiel 28:14, Lucifer cannot know *“Where is the way where light dwelleth?”* or *“for darkness, where is the place thereof”* Job 38:19 as God does because Lucifer did not create either light or darkness. God did, as Isaiah explains.

“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things” Isaiah 45:7.

Neither can Lucifer know as God does with respect to *“the bound thereof, and...the paths to the house thereof...”* Job 38:20 because not Lucifer but “God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night...And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good” Genesis 1:16-18 and not Lucifer but “He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies” Psalm 18:11.

It is true for Lucifer that *“from the day that thou wast created”* Ezekiel 28:15 *“the number of thy days is great...”* Job 38:21 but those days are finite whereas “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” Psalm 90:2.

- *“Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?”* Job 38:22-23. Lucifer will not have done so because these treasures are reserved for *“the time of Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7 when God will “Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things” Micah 7:14-15.

“Marvellous things...as in the days of old” were manifest as “behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat” Exodus 16:14-15 as God will again during *“the time of Jacob’s trouble”* Jeremiah 30:7.

“The treasures of the snow” and *“the treasures of the hail”* will then be released *“against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war...”* and against Lucifer and his minions “ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast” Revelation 17:12 as God did so before against Pharaoh and later against “the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon” Joshua 10:5.

“And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt” Exodus 9:23.

“And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword” Joshua 10:11.

“When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon” Psalm 68:14.

“And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great” Revelation 16:21.

- “By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?” Job 38:24-27.

Note first that Lucifer cannot bring rain if God withholds it.

“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word” 1 Kings 17:1.

“But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land” Luke 4:25.

“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit” James 5:17-18. Note that 1 Kings 17:1, Luke 4:25, James 5:17-18 is an example of progressive revelation in scripture. Revelation is progressive from 1 Kings 17:1 to Luke 4:25 and James 5:17-18 with respect to the nature of God’s judgement, the length of time it would last and how it would be imposed. It was of course known how God’s judgement would be lifted, 1 Kings 18:41-45.

King David answers Job 38:24, 25, 26, 27 according to future events. He does not mention Lucifer.

“They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof” Psalm 65:8-10.

“Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary” Psalm 68:9.

Though he is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” Ephesians 2:2, underlining his identity as a would-be usurper, Lucifer can do nothing to effect the weather conditions that Job 38:24-27 describe.

It is “the outgoings of the morning and evening” Psalm 65:8 that God oversees, not Lucifer, that bring about “By what way is the light parted” Job 38:24 as the Lord Himself described with respect to the light of the sky taking on a single, particular colour that is distinct from light’s usual colour.

“He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?” Matthew 16:2-3.

“Jesus...was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light” Matthew 17:1-2.

“...what way is the light parted” according to “the outgoings of the morning and evening” appears to be that “which scattereth the east wind upon the earth.”

The expression “east wind” occurs 20 times in scripture, Genesis 41:6, 23, 27, Exodus 10:13 twice, 14:21, Job 15:2, 27:21, 38:24, Psalm 48:7, 78:26, Isaiah 27:8, Jeremiah 18:17, Ezekiel 17:10, 19:12, 27:26, Hosea 12:1, 13:15, Jonah 4:8, Habakkuk 1:9, more times than “north wind” Proverbs 25:23,

Song of Solomon 4:16 **2** times, “*south wind*” Job 37:17, Psalm 78:26, Luke 12:55, Acts 27:13, 28:13 **5** times, “*west wind*” Exodus 10:19 **once** only. Scripture therefore mentions the “*east wind*” more than twice as often as the other three winds put together.

The “*east wind*” is also the *first* particular wind to be mentioned in scripture, Genesis 41:6, 23, 27. As those references show, God does serious business with the “*east wind*.”

Note that God used *one* dominant river to create *four* rivers. “*And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads*” Genesis 2:10.

It appears that the “*east wind*” is God’s dominant wind and according to the procedure that Genesis 2:10 suggests, “*...what way is the light parted*” according to “*the outgoings of the morning and evening*” Psalm 65:8 as that “*which scattereth the east wind upon the earth*” is how God uses His dominant wind the “*east wind*” to create the “*four winds*” Jeremiah 49:36, Ezekiel 37:9, Daniel 7:2, 8:8, 11:4, Zechariah 2:6, Matthew 24:31, Mark 13:27, Revelation 7:1 **9** occurrences.

Note how Solomon associates “*the outgoings of the morning and evening*” with the circuits of the winds as they exist today.

“The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits” Ecclesiastes 1:5-6.

Apart from Ecclesiastes 1:6, which is really a description of “*the wind...according to his circuits*” the scripture only mentions two winds together on one occasion. That particular scripture strongly suggests that the “*east wind*” is God’s dominant wind for God’s procedure “*which scattereth the east wind upon the earth*” Job 38:24 for establishing the “*four winds*.”

God first brought about the “*east wind*” and from it the “*south wind*” making one quadrant, then possibly the west and north winds respectively to establish all four quadrants, leading to today’s familiar compass rose.

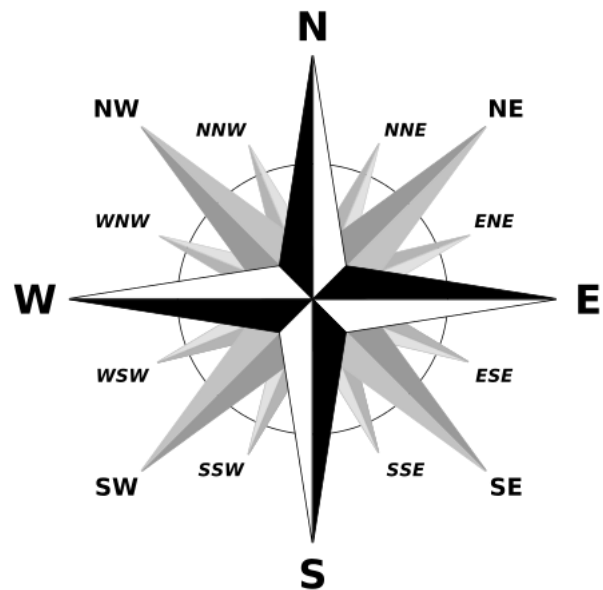
“He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven; and by his power he brought in the south wind” Psalm 78:26.

- “*Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?*” Job 38:28-29. “*...the rain...the drops of dew...the ice...the hoary frost of heaven*” each has a Creator and Overseer and it isn’t Lucifer. See remarks above on Exodus 16:15-16, 1 Kings 17:1, Job 38:25-26. Note also, especially with respect to Lucifer “*a king over all the children of pride*” Job 41:34, who can effect nothing of what follows:

“By the breath of God frost is given; and the breadth of the waters is straitened” Job 37:10.

“He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow” Psalm 147:16-18.

“The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew” Proverbs 3:19-20.



A [compass rose](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal_direction) showing the four cardinal directions, the four ordinal directions, plus eight further divisions.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal direction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal_direction)

“Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things” Jeremiah 14:22.

Job 38:30-35. God’s Glory in “the ordinances of heaven” Job 38:33

Lucifer and his minions are active *“in the firmament”* Genesis 1:14, 15, 17, Psalm 150:1, Ezekiel 10:1 but impotent before God as will be shown.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” Ephesians 6:12.

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels...And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven” Revelation 12:3, 7.

- *“The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen”* Job 38:30. The frozen face of the deep acts as a vast stone barrier preventing *“the waters which were above the firmament”* Genesis 1:7 from deluging *“the third heaven”* 2 Corinthians 12:2 as God Himself declared in Job 38:11 *“...Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed...”*

“The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever” Psalm 29:10.

“Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass” Psalm 148:4-6.

“And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind” Revelation 4:6.

“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God” Revelation 15:2.

- *“Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?”* Job 38:31-34.

Note that Job himself has already answered much of Job 38:31-33. Job 38:31-33 are therefore really a challenge to Lucifer to which he does not respond because he is incapable of the carrying out the procedures that Job 38:31-33 set out. Note Job’s earlier statements in answer to Job 38:31-33 with respect to the constellations, *“the ordinances of heaven”* and *“the dominion thereof in the earth.”*

“He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength...Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number” Job 9:4, 7-10. Job 9:4, 7-10 match other scriptures precisely and further denigrate Lucifer’s would-be usurpation of God’s rule.

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also” Genesis 1:14-16.

“Mazzaroth in his season” is therefore stars and star groupings or *“lights in the firmament of the heaven”* that at various times serve as indicators *“for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years”* Genesis 1:14.

“This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men...This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men...And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?” Daniel 4:17, 32, 34-35.

“The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel” Joel 3:15-16.

“Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name” Amos 5:8 with Job 38:34 “Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?” Note that “Orion, and Pleiades” Job 9:8 with “the seven stars and Orion” defines “Pleiades” as “the seven stars.”

“Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?” Job 38:31 is a special taunt for Lucifer to be fulfilled at the Second Advent. God can bind and loose Lucifer at will.

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season” Revelation 20:1-3.

Thankfully after “a little season” comes Lucifer’s final end together with all his pretensions to usurpation of God’s rule.

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” Revelation 20:10 especially with having to “confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” Philippians 2:11.

- “Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?” Job 38:35. Only God can, not Lucifer.

“Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word” Psalm 148:7-8. God’s fire and lightnings have a purpose with respect to “the fire of God...fallen from heaven” Job 1:16 that will be a revelation in the tribulation



Do You Know Your Nearest Star Cluster?
“Follow the belt across to the bright cluster of blue stars; that bright blue cluster ...is the Pleiades.”

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of the End Times with respect to God's judgement when "The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up" Revelation 8:7.

In that sense "A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled" Psalm 97:3 and "His lightnings" will then be able to say unto the Lord "Here we are" and as the Lord Jesus Christ said to His Father "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" John 17:4.

Job 38:36-41. God's Glory in "wisdom in the inward parts" Job 38:36

- "Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?" Job 38:36. Only "the spirit of the LORD" can effect this ministry with an individual, not Lucifer with "a spirit of an unclean devil" Luke 4:33.

"And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears" Luke 11:2-3.

- "Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?" Job 38:37-38. God, not Lucifer, does "know the balancings of the clouds" Job 37:16 and He can therefore number them. For Job 38:37-38 see remarks above on Job 38:24-27, Luke 4:25, 1 Kings 17:1, James 5:17-18.
- "Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat" Job 38:40-41 with Matthew 6:26 for "the raven."

King David gives the key to Job 38:40-41 in that Lucifer does not provide prey for beasts in that his prey is *men*. What follows has particular application to "that Wicked...whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" 2 Thesalonians 2:8-9.

Note the irony of Job 38:40 with Psalm 10:9 "as a lion in his den."

"The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined...He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net" Psalm 10:2, 8-9.

Job 38:40-41 indicate that the Lord knows ahead of time what Lucifer intends via Psalm 10:2-11 and the Lord will defeat him as King David shows further, his initial disquiet notwithstanding, "Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?" Psalm 10:1. The following is an encouragement for today's believer as well.

"LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress" Psalm 10:17-18 with Jeremiah 32:39 "And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:"

Job 39:1-30 – Summary Thoughts

Job 39:1-8. *“Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?...or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?”* Job 39:1, 5.

The scripture classifies **“hinds”** with **“roe(s)”** Proverbs 5:19, Song of Solomon 2:7, 3:5 and in turn therefore with the **“hart,” “roebuck”** and **“fallow deer”** Deuteronomy 12:15, 22, 14:5, 15:22, 1 Kings 4:23, Song of Solomon 2:9, 17, 8:14 i.e. the scripture shows that **“hinds”** are deer.

“wild goats,” “hinds” and **“wild asses”** are non-domesticated herb-eating creatures that **“bring forth”** Job 39:1, 3, **“grow up with corn”** Job 39:4 growing wild as **“the old corn of the land”** Joshua 5:11, 12, **“go forth”** Job 39:4, survive and multiply even in **“the wilderness, and the barren land”** Job 39:6 where nevertheless **“The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing”** Job 39:8.

“wild goats,” “hinds” and **“wild asses”** therefore not only subsist but even thrive in that potentially harsh and hostile environment without any **“herdmen”** Genesis 13:7 twice, 8 twice, 26:20 twice, 1 Samuel 21:7, Amos 1:1 where by contrast domesticated **“flocks and herds”** need careful husbandry otherwise **“if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die”** Genesis 33:13.

Lucifer cannot take care of **“wild goats,” “hinds”** and **“wild asses”** and is therefore unfit to reign in his evil attempt to **“exalt my throne above the stars of God”** Isaiah 14:13. Lucifer is **“the serpent”** Genesis 3:1, 2, 4, 13, 2 Corinthians 11:3, Revelation 12:14, 15, **“leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea”** Isaiah 27:1 and **“that old serpent”** Revelation 12:9 and the fallen fifth cherub, Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:14, 16 who represented amphibian, aquatic and reptilian creatures, not herbivores like **“the second beast like a calf”** Revelation 4:7 of the **“four beasts”** that remain **“round about the throne”** Revelation 4:6.

“one sat on the throne...set in heaven” Revelation 4:2 is fit to reign because **“the second beast like a calf”** Revelation 4:7 of the **“four beasts”** that remain **“round about the throne”** Revelation 4:6 has remained obedient to Him.

Note that Lucifer’s type is *aquatic* **“as a whale in the seas”** Ezekiel 32:2 but it is now *God* who must now oversee Lucifer’s former jurisdiction *directly*. **“O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season”** Psalm 104:24-27.

Job 39:9-12. *“Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?”* Job 39:9.

“Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib? Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee? Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him? Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?” Job 39:9-12.

Job 39:12 would apply to Job, Job 38:1, whom God has not forgotten is His harangue of Lucifer but Job 38:9-12 still applies *principally* to Lucifer, whom God continues to taunt with respect to Lucifer’s ineptitude to reign **“instead of God”** Exodus 4:16 **“For the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof”** 1 Corinthians 10:26, 28.

Never **“Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib”** Job 39:9 that is the crib of **“that man of sin...the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3. The unicorn is a *supernatural* creature in **“the third heaven”** 2 Corinthians 12:2 and obedient to God as are the **“four beasts”** that remain **“round about the throne”** Revelation 4:6. Note:

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *Answers to the Wolf-Man Part 1* pp 15-16 entitled *A Grievous Wolf* and these extracts.

As Dr Bouw...points out [*The Book of Bible Problems* p 238], Psalm 92:10 shows that a unicorn definitely has only one horn, unlike a wild ox. [i.e. a unicorn is a uni-corn, a *one-horned* creature]

“But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil”...

Psalm 22:21 and Isaiah 34:7 indicate that God has unicorns in heaven...

“Save me from the lion’s mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.”

“And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.”

Dr Ruckman notes in his commentary *Volume 1 of the Book of Psalms* p 136 on Psalm 22:21 that God’s horses are ***“horses of fire”*** 2 Kings 2:11, 6:17. He adds that God heard the prayer of His Son in Psalm 22 ***“from the horns of the unicorns”*** indicating that those unicorns must be in heaven. They must therefore be the unicorns that come down from heaven in Isaiah 34:7. Note that according to the context, Isaiah 34:5 reveals that the coming down is from heaven *to inflict judgement on sinners who appear to be likened to cattle for the slaughter in Isaiah 34:6*. See Jeremiah 12:3, 50:27, 51:40, Zechariah 11:4, 7.

“For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.”

Yet the animals that are explicitly mentioned as coming down from heaven at the Second Advent are horses, i.e. ***“horses of fire,”*** as Revelation 19:14 states.

“And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”

2 Kings 2:11, 6:17, Psalm 22:21, Isaiah 34:7, Revelation 19:14 therefore identify God’s unicorns as ***“horses of fire”*** with horns.

Today’s believer can be thankful that *never* will Lucifer have any power and authority God’s unicorns His ***“horses of fire”*** 2 Kings 2:11, 6:17.

Job 39:13-18. “Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?” Job 39:13.

“Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them...Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding” Job 39:13-15, 17.

Job 39:13-15, 17 describe a conspicuous wild creature that could easily be made extinct by hunters or predators and a careless wild creature that could make itself extinct by its own negligence.

God nevertheless ensures that each of these wild creatures not only survives but flourishes as with herbivores, see remarks on Job 39:1-8 above. Lucifer is again shown to be embarrassingly impotent in that respect. The careless wild creature for example could at least in Job’s time swiftly outrun its only natural predator ***“the horse and his rider”*** Job 38:18.

Each of these creatures is one of the ***“fowls after their kind”*** Genesis 6:20 and therefore God may take care of it through the fourth and last of the ***“four beasts”*** that remain ***“round about the throne”*** Revelation 4:6 because ***“the fourth beast was like a flying eagle”*** Revelation 4:7.

Note that in Job 38:39 God fulfils ***“Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions”*** for wild carnivores by means of the first of the ***“four beasts”*** that remain ***“round about the throne”*** Revelation 4:6 in that ***“the first beast was like a lion”*** Revelation 4:7. God sustains man in that ***“Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening”*** Psalm 104:23 because ***“the third beast had a face as a man”*** Revelation 4:7.

Consistent with God’s harangue of Lucifer in Job 38 for his unfitness to reign, Job 39 including ***“the unicorn”*** Job 39:9, 10 and ***“the horse”*** Job 39:19 with 2 Kings 2:11, 6:17, Isaiah 34:7, Revelation 4:6-7 further underline Lucifer’s unfitness to reign because those references together emphasise the only throne from which ***“the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men”*** Daniel 4:17, 25, 32 ***“the throne of God”*** Matthew 23:42, Hebrews 12:2, Revelation 7:15, 14:5, 22:1, 3.

Job 39:19-25. *“Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?”* Job 39:19.

“Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?...He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet. He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting” Job 39:19, 24-25.

Job 39:19-25 describe pre-eminently God’s supernatural *“horses of fire”* 2 Kings 2:11, 6:17 that descend to earth at the Second Advent with the Lord Jesus Christ leading. See remarks above with respect to Job 39:9-12 on *“the unicorn”* Job 39:9, 10 and note the Second Advent fulfilment of Job 39:19-25 that John describes in detail, the onrushing *“horses of fire”* 2 Kings 2:11, 6:17 swallowing *“the ground with fierceness and rage”* Job 39:24 with the sheer force of their unstoppable charge.

“neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet” Job 39:24 refers to the signal for the Second Advent charge *“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever”* Revelation 11:15. The wording *“neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet”* Job 39:24 indicates that the Lord’s horse is attuned to His Rider’s voice to signal the Second Advent charge and *“The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice”* 2 Samuel 22:14. Today’s believer should be attuned to the Lord’s voice, though it be *“a still small voice”* 1 Kings 19:12. *“I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope”* Psalm 130:5.

The outcome of Job 39:19-25 is as follows.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” Revelation 19:11, 14-16 as the death-knell for Lucifer and in mighty fulfilment of Revelation 11:15 *“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*

Job 39:26-30. *“From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off”* Job 39:29.

“Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south? Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she” Job 39:26-30.

Job 39:26-30 foresee the aftermath of Job 39:19-25. *“The hawk”* Job 39:26 and *“the eagle”* Job 39:27 take to the air by God’s wisdom and God’s command, not Lucifer’s. Job 39:26-30 encapsulate the ghastly end for Lucifer’s own *“that man of sin...the son of perdition”* 2 Thessalonians 2:3 to whom Lucifer i.e. *“the dragon gave...his power, and his seat, and great authority...and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations”* Revelation 13:2, 7. The Lord would not take it, Luke 4:5-8 but later received it, nevertheless, Revelation 11:15, 19:16. Job 39:26-30 is fulfilled as follows.

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh” Revelation 19:17-21.

Job 38, 39 In Sum

“God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies” Nahum 1:2.

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Note that at the time of “*a new heaven and a new earth*” the Lord will shut* “*the gates of death*” forever by means of the restoration of “*the tree of life*” Genesis 2:9, 3:22, 24, Revelation 2:7, 21:1, 22:2, 14. *He will actually have disposed of them in “*the lake of fire...the second death*” Revelation 20:14

Note also that “*the valley of the shadow of death*” had historical significance for David as “*the valley of Elah*” where David fought and killed Goliath, though the giant had vowed to kill him 1 Samuel 17:2-3, 44-51. Devotionally, “*the valley of the shadow of death*” also applies to “*the saints and martyrs of Jesus*” who suffered for the Lord down through the centuries, especially at the hands of Rome and her abominable offspring like Islam, Hebrews 11:35-38, Revelation 17:6, *The Prophet, Alberto Part 6*, Chick Publications, 1988

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