

## Job 38 The Lord the Builder

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job* pp 227, 528-540 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1-2, 729, 765-766, 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 The Lord the Builder** 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](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php).

**Job 38 The Lord the Builder** 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.

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.

**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 The Lord the Builder** 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 <b>search</b> of the depth?</i>	<i>“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the <b>recesses</b> 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<sup>1,2</sup>. 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU)



Roker Lighthouse, Sunderland

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eternal\\_Father,\\_Strong\\_to\\_Save](http://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](http://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 ministry<sup>3</sup>, 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 means<sup>4</sup> “*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 Petra<sup>5</sup>, 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 BC<sup>6</sup> 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's<sup>7</sup> "*earth is the perfect physical size and mass to support life.*"
- Earth's foundations *may* be "*the pillars of it*"<sup>8</sup> 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. hell<sup>9</sup>
- 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 23:4<sup>10</sup>
- And "*the gates of death*" but opens<sup>11</sup> "*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 heaven<sup>12</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Adam<sup>13</sup>, 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 stars<sup>14</sup> 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 Canute<sup>15</sup> 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 1998<sup>16</sup> 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**

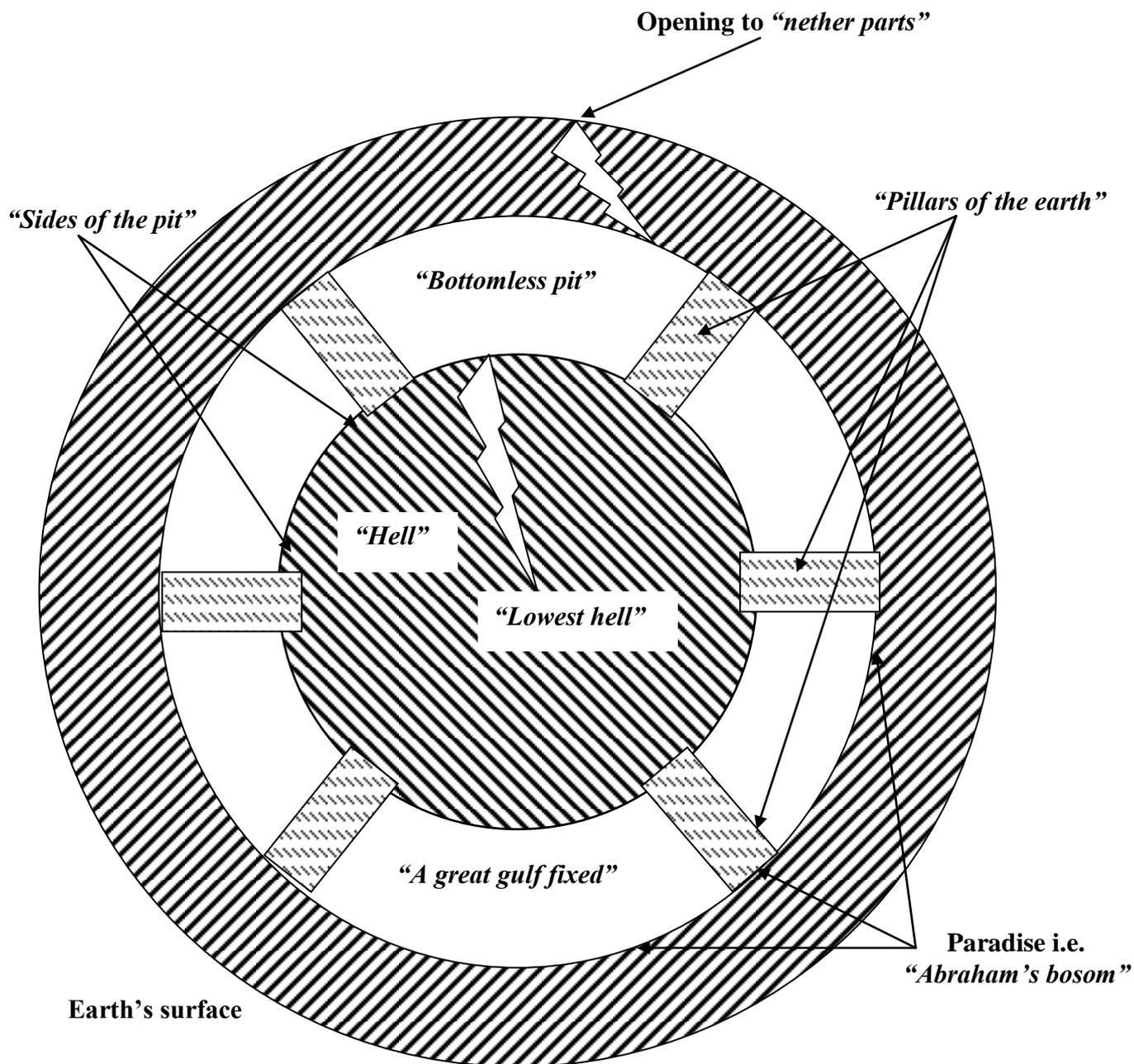
Verse	Wycliffe, 1395	Coverdale, 1535	Bishops, 1568	Geneva, 1587	AV1611	Notes
8	<i>Who closide to- gidere the see with doris, whanne it brak out comynge forth <b>as of</b> the wombe?</i>	<i>Who shutt the see with dores, when it brake forth <b>as</b> a childe out off his mothers wombe?</i>	<i>Who shut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

<b>Verse</b>	<b>RV, 1885</b>	<b>NKJV, 1982</b>	<b>NIV, 1984</b>	<b>NRSV, 1989</b>	<b>JB, 1974</b>	<b>NWT, 1984</b>
<b>8</b>	<i>Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, <b>as if</b> 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>
<b>12</b>	<i>Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days began; and caused the <b>dayspring</b> 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>
<b>14</b>	<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>
<b>15</b>	<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>
<b>17b</b>	<i>or hast thou seen the gates of the <b>shadow of death</b>?</i>	<i>Or have you seen the <b>doors</b> of the <b>shadow of death</b>?</i>	<i>Have you seen the gates of the <b>shadow of death</b>?</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

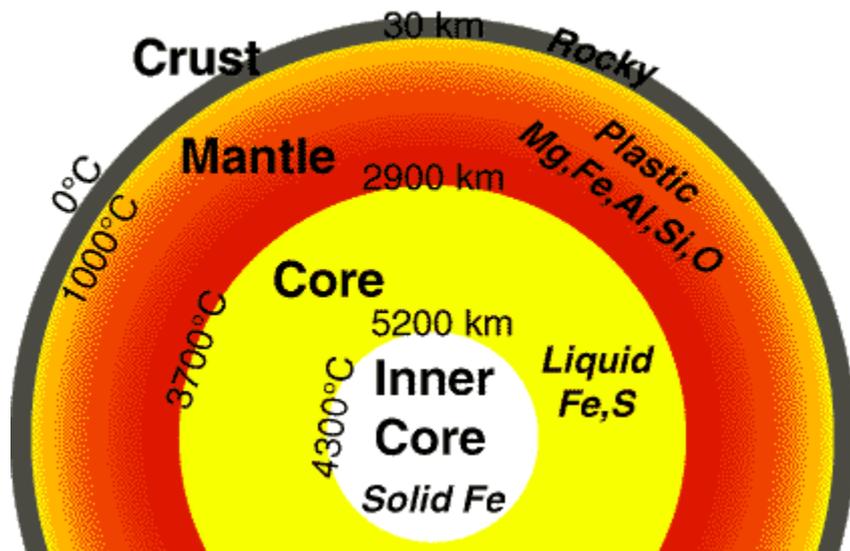
**“Hell”** (*sheol*\*) Deuteronomy 32:22; 2 Samuel 22:6; Job 11:8, 22:6; Psalm 9:17, 16:10, 18:5, 55:15, 86:13, 116:3, 139:8; Proverbs 5:5, 7:27, 9:18, 15:11, 24, 23:14, 27:20; Isaiah 5:14, 14:9, 15, 28:15, 18, 57:9; Ezekiel 31:16, 17, 32:21, 27; Amos 9:2; Jonah 2:2; Habakkuk 2:5 (*hades*\*) Matthew 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 Lab<sup>17</sup>**



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

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***“The High Arm Shall Be Broken” Job 38:15***

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- <sup>8</sup> *Geocentricity* Dr. Gerardus Bouw, Association for Biblical Astronomy, 1992, Chapter 2 and accompanying **Figure 1 Earth and "The Nether Parts of the Earth"**
- <sup>9</sup> **Figure 2 Earth's Interior – from the Nevada Seismological Lab**
- <sup>10</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great\\_Rift\\_Valley](http://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
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- <sup>13</sup> *Volume II of The Book of Psalms* Dr. Peter S. Ruckman, Bible Baptist Bookstore, 1993, pp 1113-1114
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