

Creation

Job 38, 1-20

¹ Then the LORD replied to Job out of the tempest and said:

² Who is this who darkens counsel,
Speaking without knowledge?

³ Gird your loins like a man;
I will ask and you will inform Me.

⁴ Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?
Speak if you have any understanding.

⁵ Do you know who fixed its dimensions
Or who measured it with a line?

⁶ Onto what were its bases sunk?
Who set its cornerstone?

⁷ When the morning stars sang together
And all the divine beings shouted for joy?

⁸ Who closed the sea behind doors
When it gushed forth out of the womb,

⁹ When I clothed it in clouds,
Swaddled it in dense clouds,

¹⁰ When I made breakers My limit for it,
And set up its bars and doors,

¹¹ And said, "You may come so far and no farther;
Here your surging waves will stop"?

¹² Have you ever commanded the day to break,
Assigned the dawn its place

¹³ So that it seizes the corners of the earth
And shakes the wicket out of it?

¹⁴ It changes like clay under the seal
Till [its hues] are fixed like those of a garment.

¹⁵ Their light is withheld from the wicked,
And the upraised arm is broken.

¹⁶ Have you penetrated to the sources of the sea,
Or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been disclosed to you?
Have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸ Have you surveyed the expanses of the earth?
If you know of these- tell Me.

¹⁹ Which path leads to where light dwells,
And where is the place of darkness,

²⁰ That you may take it to its domain
And know the way to its home?



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Job 40, 1-9

¹ The LORD said in reply to Job.

^{2a-} Shall one who should be disciplined complain against Shaddai? ^{-a}
He who arraigns God must respond.

³ Job said in reply to the LORD:

⁴ See, I am of small worth; what can I answer You?
I clap my hand to my mouth.

⁵ I have spoken once, and will not reply;
Twice, and will do so no more.

⁶ Then the LORD replied to Job out of the tempest and said:

⁷ Gird your loins like a man;
I will ask and you will inform Me.

⁸ Would you impugn My justice?
Would you condemn Me that you might be right?

⁹ Have you an arm like God's?
Can you thunder with a voice like His? [END]

Notes

^{a-a} *Meaning of Heb. uncertain*



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Romans 1, 16-32

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth.

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse; ²¹ for though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools; ²³ and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, ²⁷ and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind and to things that should not be done. ²⁹ They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² They know God's decree, that those who practice such things deserve to die, yet they not only do them but even applaud others who practice them. [END]



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Q 21 (The Prophets), 30-35

³² Are the disbelievers not aware that the heavens and the earth used to be joined together and that We ripped them apart, that We made every living thing from water? Will they not believe? ³¹ And We put firm mountains on the earth, lest it should sway under them, and set broad paths on it, so that they might follow the right direction, ³² and We made the sky a well-secured canopy—yet from its wonders they turn away. ³³ It is He who created night and day, the sun and the moon, each floating in its orbit. ³⁴ We have not granted everlasting life to any other human being before you either [Muhammad] - it you die, will [the disbelievers] live for ever? ³⁵ Every soul is certain to taste death: We test you all through the bad and the good , and to Us you will all return.

Q13 (Thunder), 1-4

These are the signs of the Scripture. What your Lord has sent down to you [Prophet] is truth, yet most people do not believe. ² It is God who raised up the heavens with no visible supports and then established himself on the throne; He has subjected the sun and the moon each to pursue its course for an appointed time; He regulates all things, makes the revelation clear so that you may be certain of meeting your Lord; ³ it is He who spreads out the earth, placed firm mountains and rivers on it, and made two of every kind of fruit; He draws the veil of night over the day. There truly are signs in this for people who reflect. ⁴ There are in the land, neighbouring plots, gardens of vineyards, cornfields, palm trees in clusters or otherwise, all watered with the same water, yet We make some of them taste better than others: there truly are signs in this for people who reason.
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