

January 14/Day 14

Job 38

Verse 1

- Yay, Job hears from God.
- A whirlwind is violent storm winds. Maybe a tornado.

Verse 2

- What kind of counsel had the friends given Job?

Verse 3

- Men wore tunics in those days. Imagine Mel Gibson as William Wallace wearing a kilt in Braveheart. To gird one's loins, a man would bend down and grab the back of his garment and pull it forward and tuck it in the waistband, creating a pants-like attire.
- To gird up one's loins also means to "man up".

Verse 4

- Who laid the foundations of the earth? This implies God having His hands in the details. Creation was not accidental.
- Foundations are critical. Without one the structure falls apart.

Verse 5

- Are measurements important to a builder?
- Have you ever seen anyone stretch a line to ensure the foundation is straight?

Verse 6

- Its bases would need firm ground, no sinking sand.
- Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."
- A cornerstone forms a base which joins two walls. It is of great importance to a structure and the principal cornerstone is commonly laid in a formal ceremony usually inscribed with a date and other important information. The word is also used to convey the importance of a thing on which other parts rely or depend.

- Mark 12:10, (About Jesus) "Have you not even read this Scripture: "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone."

Verse 7

- It is believed the sons of God in this verse are angels. There was a multitude of heavenly hosts already present with God prior to creation. Remember Job 1:6, "One day the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them." It says the same in 2:1. This is how we allow Scripture tell us what obscure passages mean so we don't draw conclusions ourselves and misinterpret a passage. In times we're unsure what a passage means, we can come to terms with it being okay not to have all the answers. God will reveal it in His timing because the more we study the more things come together.

Verse 8

- Does God give limits to the oceans?

Verse 9

- Isn't this beautiful poetic language? Can you picture God clothing the clouds?
- And wrapping a blanket around a dark cloud?

Verse 10

- Next time you are standing on the beach and the waters only come up so far, remember these verses and how God gives the ocean boundaries.

Verses 11-16

- Can you picture God doing these things?

Verses 17-22

- Wow!

Verse 23

- What purpose do the storehouses serve?

Verses 24-26

- There was desert in the beginning.

Verse 27

- Grass has seeds.

Verses 28-29

- Beautiful figurative picture of weather coming forth from God.

Verse 30-31

- Again we see the constellations named.

Verses 32-36

- The ability to think and reason comes from God.

Verses 37-41

- Who provides for the animals?

Job 39

Verses 1-9

- Some versions translate wild ox as “unicorn”.

Verses 10-13

- There were ostriches in the beginning?

Verses 14-18

- There were horses in the beginning.

Verses 19-20

- There were locusts in the beginning.

Verses 21-25

- There were trumpets and battles and war in the beginning.

Verses 26-27

- There were hawks and eagles in the beginning.

Verses 28-30

We learn a great deal about God's power and creation in these chapters. See you tomorrow.