

29. JOB / lyowb

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Chapter 1

Job 1:1 A man existed in the land of 'Uwts.
His name was lyowb.

And he was the man, he himself,
that was blameless and upright.

And he revered **YAHWEH**.

And he turned aside from what is bad.

'Uwts means counsel.

lyowb means hated or persecuted.

Job 1:2 And to him were born
seven sons and three daughters.

Job 1:3 And his possessions were

seven thousand sheep,

and three thousand camels,

and five hundred yoke of oxen,

and five hundred female asses,

and exceedingly many servants.

And the man, this one himself,

was greater than all the men of the East.

Job 1:4 And his sons went.

And they prepared a banquet

in the house of each man on his day.

And they sent.

And they called their three sisters

to eat and to drink with them.

Job 1:5 And it was when the days of banqueting
had gone around.

And lyowb sent.

And he consecrated them.

And he rose up early in the morning.

And he caused olahs to ascend,

the number of them all,

because lyowb said,

Perhaps my children have offended

and cursed **YAHWEH** in their hearts."

lyowb did according to this all the days.

An olah is traditionally called a burnt offering"

because it was totally consumed by fire,

turned into smoke.

*It represented a total commitment to **YAHWEH**.*

Traditionally 'sinned' is used here.

It's been replaced with 'offended'

because every so-called 'sin'

*is actually an offense against **YAHWEH**.*

It is a failure to act according to

His instructions to His people.

It is open rebellion against His Word.

Job 1:6 And there was a day.

And the sons of the elohim came

to station themselves beside **YAHWEH**.

And The Adversary also came into the midst of them.

There are important things to note in this verse.

"sons of the elohim" is a reference to beings

about whom we have little information.

It's generally understood to represent

*the divine beings that exist with **YAHWEH***

in His Heaven.

Some consider it to be a "the divine council".

Others think they are "angels" (actually messengers)

*that conduct **YAHWEH's** business on His behalf.*

The very existence of these beings

is shrouded in mystery and wonder.

It was from among this group

that the "sons of God" came to earth

and intermingled with human beings

prior to The Flood of Noah.

This indicates they have the ability
to act counter to **YAHWEH's** will.

"Satan" is the traditional translation
of the Hebrew which actually says, *hasatan*.
This should be translated as "The Adversary"
in order to correctly present it.

satan means an opponent, an adversary.
It's misleading to refer to this being as "Satan",
as if it's a name.
His name is Lucifer, not "Satan".

He is seen as the arch-enemy of **YAHWEH**.
Because of this his **title** is "The Adversary".

Job 1:7 And **YAHWEH** said to The Adversary,
"From where do you come?"
And The Adversary responded
to **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**.
And he said, "From roaming on the earth,
even from walking myself upon it."

Job 1:8 And **YAHWEH** said to The Adversary,
"Have you set your heart upon My servant, Iyowb?
Indeed, there is none compared to him on earth.
He is a blameless man, and upright,
revering **YAHWEH**
and turning aside from what is bad."

Job 1:9 And The Adversary responded to
YAHWEH Himself **nx**.
And he said,
"Is it for nothing Iyowb is revering **YAHWEH**?
Job 1:10 Are not *You Yourself* **nx**
a hedge on behalf of him,
and on behalf of his household,
and on behalf of all that is his from all around?
The work of his hands You have blessed
and his livestock has increased in the land.

Job 1:11 But stretch out Your hand now
and strike against all that is his.
He will surely curse You to Your face!"

Job 1:12 Then **YAHWEH** said to The Adversary,
"Behold!
All that is his is in your hand,
except against him you are not to extend a hand."
And The Adversary went out from the face of **YAHWEH**.

Job 1:13 And there was a specific day.
And his sons and his daughters
were eating and drinking wine
in the house of their brother, the firstborn.

Job 1:14 And a messenger came to Iyowb.
And he said, "The oxen were plowing
and the male asses were feeding close beside them.
Job 1:15 And Sheba fell *upon them*
and took them away!
And *the servants themselves* **nx**
they have caused to be killed by the edge of a sword!
And I have escaped, only I myself alone,
to declare it to you!"

Job 1:16 This one was still speaking.
And another came.
And he said, "Fire of **YAHWEH**
has fallen from the skies!
And it has burned among the sheep
and among the servants
and it has consumed them.

But I have escaped, only I myself alone,
to declare it to you!"

Job 1:17 This one was still speaking.
And another came.
And he said, "The Kasdim established three leaders.
And they spread out beside the camels.
And they took them away.
And the servants themselves **nx**
they caused to be struck by the edge of a sword.
But I have escaped, only I myself alone
to declare it to you!"

Job 1:18 This one was still speaking.
And another came.
And he said, "Your sons and your daughters
were eating and drinking wine
in the house of their brother, the firstborn,
Job 1:19 And behold!
A great wind came from beyond the wilderness.
And it struck against the four corners of the house.
And it fell on the young men.
And they are dead.
But I have escaped, only I Myself alone,
to declare it to you!"

Job 1:20 Then lyowb stood up.
And he tore his robe **itself nx**.
And he shaved his head **itself nx**.
And he fell down to the ground.
And he worshipped.

Job 1:21 And he said,
"Naked I came out from the womb of my mother.
And naked I will return there.
YAHWEH has given.
And **YAHWEH** has taken away.
May the Name of **YAHWEH** be blessed."

Job 1:22 In all this lyowb did not offend.
And he did not ascribe impropriety to The Elohim.

Chapter 2

Job 2:1 And there was a specific day.
And the sons of the elohim came
to station themselves themselves beside **YAHWEH**.

And The Adversary also came among them
to station himself beside **YAHWEH**.

Job 2:2 And **YAHWEH** said to The Adversary,
"From where are you coming?"
And The Adversary responded to **YAHWEH Himself nx**.
And he said, "From roaming on the earth,
even from walking myself upon it."

Job 2:3 And **YAHWEH** said to The Adversary,
"Have you placed your heart upon My servant lyowb?
Indeed, there is none compared to him on earth,
a man blameless and upright,
revering **YAHWEH**,
and turning aside from what is bad.
And he is still holding firmly onto his integrity.

But you caused Me to be stirred up against him
for the sake of destroying him without cause."

Job 2:4 And The Adversary responded
to **YAHWEH Himself nx**.
And he said, "Skin on behalf of skin!
But all that a man has he will give on behalf of his life!
[The meaning of "skin on behalf of skin"](#)
[is not understood.](#)

It may refer to the lives already lost
instead of Iyowb's life.

Job 2:5 However, stretch out Your hand now
and strike against his bone and his flesh.
Surely he will curse You to Your face!"

Job 2:6 And **YAHWEH** said to The Adversary,
"Behold!
He is in your hand,
except you are to preserve his life *itself* nx."

Job 2:7 And The Adversary went out
from the face *itself* nx of **YAHWEH**.
And he struck Iyowb *himself* nx with severe boils
from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Job 2:8 And he took for himself a potsherd
for the sake of scraping himself with it.
And he was sitting in the midst of the ashes.

Job 2:9 And his wife said to him,
"Will you still hold tightly to your integrity?
Curse **YAHWEH** and die!"

Job 2:10 Then he said to her,
"You are speaking like one of the stupid speaks.
What?
Will we accept the good *itself* nx
from **YAHWEH** *Himself* nx
but not accept the bad *itself* nx?"

In all this Iyowb did not offend with his lips.

Job 2:11 And three friends of Iyowb
heard of all these bad things *themselves* nx
which had happened.
And each man came from his place,
Eliphaz the Temanite,
and Bildad the Shuhite,
and Tzophar the Na'amathite.
And they agreed to meet together
for the sake of coming to mourn with him
and to console him.

Eliphaz means god of gold.
Bildad - meaning uncertain.
Tzophar means departing.

Job 2:12 And they lifted up their eyes *themselves* nx
from a distance.
And they did not recognize him.
And they lifted their voices and wept.
And each one tore his robe.
And they sprinkled dust on their heads
toward the skies.

Job 2:13 And they sat with him upon the ground
seven days and seven nights.
And no one spoke a word to him
because they saw that the pain had been great.

Chapter 3

Job 3:1 After this Iyowb opened his mouth *itself* nx.
And he cursed the day *itself* nx of his birth.

Job 3:2 And Iyowb responded.

And he said,

Job 3:3 "May the day on which I was born perish,
even the night it was said,
'A male has been conceived.'

Job 3:4 May that day be darkness,
and may a cloud of deep darkness settle over it.
May **YAHWEH** not seek it.

And may a light not shine upon it.
Job 3:5 May darkness redeem it.
And may the shadow of death
settle upon it *like* a cloud.
May blackness terrify it.
Job 3:6 May that very night itself
be seized with darkness.
May it not be joined with the days of the year.
May it not enter in with the number of months.

Job 3:7 Behold!
Let that night itself be barren.
May no joyful shout come into it.

Job 3:8 May those cursing curse the day,
those ready to stir up Leviathan.

Job 3:9 May the stars of its twilight be dark.
May it wait for light but have none.
And may it not see the eyelids of the dawn
Job 3:10 because it did not shut the doors
of the womb that was mine,
and it did not hide trouble from my eyes.

Job 3:11 Why did I not die from the womb,
come forth from the belly and expire?
Job 3:12 Why were there knees to receive me?
And why were there breasts for me to suck?

Job 3:13 Indeed,
now I would be have been lying down.
I would be at rest.
I would have slept.
Then there would be rest for me
Job 3:14 with kings and counselors of the earth
those having built desolations for themselves,
Job 3:15 or with leaders who had gold for themselves,
those filling their houses with silver.
Job 3:16 Or, concealed like a miscarriage,
I would not exist;
like infants who have not seen light?

Job 3:17 There the morally wrong cease raging.
And there the weary of strength are at rest.
Job 3:18 The captives are at ease together.
They can not hear the voice of the oppressor.

Job 3:19 Small and great are the same there.
And the slave is free from his master.

Job 3:20 Why does He give light to one toiling,
or life to the bitter of being,
Job 3:21 those waiting for death, but it is not theirs,
so they dig for it more than for treasures;
Job 3:22 those being joyful,
being glad to exceeding joy when they find the grave?

Job 3:23 *Why does He give light*
to a man whose way has been concealed,
even which **YAHWEH** has caused
to be hedged in behind him?

Job 3:24 Indeed, my groaning comes before I eat.
And my moanings pour out like water.

Job 3:25 Indeed, I had great dread.
And it has come to me.
Even what I feared has come to me.
Job 3:26 I have not been at ease.
And I have not been undisturbed.
And I have not been at rest.
And trouble has come!"

Chapter 4

Job 4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded.
And he said,
Job 4:2 "Has one tried a word to you?
You are weary.
But who is able to refrain from speaking?

Job 4:3 Behold!
You have corrected many.
And you have strengthened the hands of the weak.
Job 4:4 Your words have caused one stumbling
to be raised up.
And you have strengthened the bending knees.

Job 4:5 Indeed, now it has come to you.
And you are weary.
It strikes against you and you are dismayed.
Job 4:6 Is not your reverence your confidence,
your hope even the integrity of ways?

Job 4:7 Remember now,
who of him that is innocent has perished?
And where have the upright been destroyed?

Job 4:8 According to what I have seen
those plowing worthlessness and planting trouble
will harvest it.
Job 4:9 Because of the breath of **YAHWEH**
they will perish.
Even by the breath of His nostrils
they will be terminated.

Job 4:10 *They are like* the roaring of the lion,
even the voice of the fierce lion.
But the teeth of the young lions have been broken.
Job 4:11 A lion will perish from lack of prey
and the cubs of the lioness will scatter themselves.

Job 4:12 But to me a word was secretly brought.
And my ear received a little portion of it
Job 4:13 among the thoughts from visions of the night
as deep sleep falls on men.

Job 4:14 Terror happened to me, even trembling.
And my bones were caused to shake greatly.

Job 4:15 Then a wind passes over my face.
The hair of my on my body bristles.
Job 4:16 It stands still.
But I can not discern its appearance.
A form is in front of my eyes.
Silence.
Then I heard a voice,
Job 4:17 'Can a mortal be more just than **YAHWEH**?
Can a man be more pure than The One making Him?

Job 4:18 Behold!
He does not cause His servants to be trusted.
Even against His messengers He places error,
Job 4:19 how much less
those dwelling in houses of clay
whose foundation is in the dust.
He crushes them before the face of a moth.
Job 4:20 From morning to evening they are beaten.
Because of none considering it they perish forever.
Job 4:21 Are not the cords of their tents pulled up?
They die, but not with wisdom!

Chapter 5

Job 5:1 "Call out now.
Is there anyone answering you?
And to whom among the devoted will you turn?

Job 5:2 Indeed, trouble will kill the foolish.
And one being gullible will be put to death.

Job 5:3 I myself have seen the foolish taking root.
But suddenly his home is cursed.

Job 5:4 His children are far from deliverance
and they crush themselves at the gate.

And no one is causing them to be delivered.

Job 5:5 One whose harvest the hungry consume,
even out from the thorns it is taken away
and a snare robs their wealth.

Job 5:6 Indeed, what is bad
does not come forth from the dust,
nor does trouble sprout from the soil.

Job 5:7 Indeed, a human being is born for trouble.
And children, like lightning, are caused to fly upward.

Job 5:8 However, I myself, I will inquire of **YAHWEH**,
even to **YAHWEH** I will establish my cause,

Job 5:9 The One doing the great and the unsearchable,
extraordinary acts until there is no number;

Job 5:10 The One giving rain on the face of the ground,
and sending the waters upon the face of the open space;

Job 5:11 The One placing the oppressed on high.

Even those mourning will be lifted to safety;

Job 5:12 The One causing the schemes of the shrewd
to be broken and their hands to not work with ability;

Job 5:13 The One catching the wise in their craftiness,
and the counsel of the devious to be hurried.

Job 5:14 By day they will encounter darkness,
and at noon they will grope as at night.

Job 5:15 But He causes the destitute
to be delivered from the sword,
from their mouth,

and from the hand of the strong.

Job 5:16 Then there is hope for the destitute.
And the morally wrong have shut their mouths.

Job 5:17 Behold!

Happy is the mortal whom **YAHWEH** rebukes.

And you are not to despise
the discipline of The Almighty.

Job 5:18 Indeed, He causes pain, but He binds up.
He wounds, but His hands heal.

Job 5:19 In six distresses
He will cause you to be delivered.
Even in seven He will not strike against you
with what is bad.

Job 5:20 In famine you will be redeemed from death,
and in battle from the hand of the sword.

Job 5:21 At the scourge of a tongue you will be hidden.
And you will not be frightened
because destruction comes.

Job 5:22 At destruction and at starvation you will laugh.
And you will not be afraid
because of the animals of the land.

Job 5:23 Indeed, your covenant
is with the stones of the field.

And the animals of the field will be at peace with you.

Job 5:24 And you will know that your tent is safe.

And you will have charge of your dwelling place.

And you will not offend.

Job 5:25 And you will know that your seed are many,
and your offspring *are* like the grass of the ground.

Job 5:26 You will go to the grave at maturity,
like the stacking of sheaves in its season.

Job 5:27 Behold!
This we have searched out!
It is according to this!
Listen attentively!
And you yourself **nx**, know it for yourself!"

Chapter 6

Job 6:1 And Iyowb responded.
And he said,
Job 6:2 "Oh that my grief would be weighed, weighed;
even my calamity on the scales.
They would lift up together
Job 6:3 because it would be heavier
than the sand of the sea.

For this reason my words have been rash.
Job 6:4 Indeed, the arrows of The Almighty
are against me,
whose poison my life is drinking.
The terrors of **YAHWEH** are arrayed against me.

Job 6:5 Does the wild ass bray over the grass.
Or does the ox bellow over its fodder?

Job 6:6 Is tasteless food to be eaten without salt?
Is there any taste in the white of an egg?
Job 6:7 My life has refused to touch *these*.
They are as loathsome food.

Job 6:8 Oh that my request might come,
and what I long for **YAHWEH** will grant,
Job 6:9 even that **YAHWEH** might chose to crush me,
cause His hand to be loosed and finish me!
Job 6:10 Then I would again have comfort,
and I would stand firm in pain without pity.

Indeed, I have not concealed the sayings
of The Set Apart One.

Job 6:11 What strength do I have
that I should hope?
And what is my end
that I should cause my life to be prolonged?
Job 6:12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Is my flesh of copper?
Job 6:13 Is my help not in me?
And has wisdom been driven away from me?

Job 6:14 To one afflicted
his companion *is to have* kindness.
But reverence of The Almighty he abandons.

Job 6:15 My kindred are as treacherous as a stream,
as a channel in which streams pass over,
Job 6:16 being darkened because of ice.
Over them the snow hides itself.
Job 6:17 In a time of warming they vanish.
In its heat they are extinguished from their place.
Job 6:18 The paths of their way turn aside.
They ascend into chaos and they perish.

Job 6:19 The caravans of Tema looked expectantly.
The travellers of Sheba hoped for them.
Job 6:20 They were ashamed
because they had trusted.
They came to them,
but they were humiliated.

Job 6:21 Indeed, now you have been *like them*!
You see terror and you are afraid.

Job 6:22 Have I said, 'Come to me'?
or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'?

Job 6:23 or, 'Rescue me from the hand of the enemy?'
or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the ruthless?'

Job 6:24 Teach me!
Then I myself will be silent.
And cause me to understand how I have gone astray.

Job 6:25 How irritable are words of the upright!
But what does your argument correct?
Job 6:26 Is it to argue about words?
Will you consider even as wind
the sayings of one despairing?

Job 6:27 Indeed, you cast lots over the fatherless
and bargain over your friend!

Job 6:28 But now, agree to face toward me.
Even to your faces, if I were to lie....

Job 6:29 Turn back now!
There is to be no moral wrong!
Even turn back again!
My justice is in it.

Job 6:30 Is there moral wrong on my tongue?
Can my palate not discern mischief?

Chapter 7

Job 7:1 "Is there not an assembly of mortals on earth?
Even like the days of a hired man are his days.
Job 7:2 Like a slave desires shade
and like a hired man hoping for his wages,
Job 7:3 according to this
I have inherited months of futility,
and nights of trouble have been appointed to me.
Job 7:4 When I lie down then I say,
'When will I get up and the night be gone?'
And I have had my fill of tossing till dawn.

Job 7:5 My body has been clothed
with maggots and clods of dirt.
My skin is crusted and it is loathsome.

Job 7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle.
And they end with no hope.

Job 7:7 Remember that my life is a breath!
My eye will not turn back for the sake of seeing good.

Job 7:8 The eye of one seeing me will not see me.
Your eyes are on me.
But I will not exist.

Job 7:9 A cloud passes and goes away.
Likewise, one going down to She'ol will not come up.
7:10 He will not return any longer to his house
and his place will not know him any longer.

Job 7:11 I myself also, I will not restrain my mouth.
I will speak in the distress of my breath.
I will complain in the bitterness of my life.

Job 7:12 Am I myself the sea or a sea monster
that You set a guard over me
Job 7:13 when I have said,
'My bed comforts me.
My couch lifts my complaint.'?

Job 7:14 And You frighten me with dreams.
And because of visions I am terrified.
Job 7:15 And my life chooses strangling,
death more than my life itself.

Job 7:16 I have been rejected.
I will not live to eternity.
Cease from me.
Indeed, my days are futile.

Job 7:17 What is a mortal
that You should magnify him,
or that You should set Your heart toward him,
Job 7:18 or hold him accountable at dawn,
testing him at each moment?

Job 7:19 According to when?
Will You not gaze away from me,
nor cease from me until I swallow my saliva?

Job 7:20 I have offended.
What do I do to You,
The One watching a human being?
Why have You placed me as Your target
and I have become as a burden to myself?

Job 7:21 And why do You not pardon my rebellion
and pass over my moral perversity *itself* **תא**?

Indeed, now I will lie down, go to dust.
And You will diligently search for me
but I will not exist."

Chapter 8

Job 8:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite responded.
And he said,
Job 8:2 "Until when will you say these things?
Even a strong wind *is* the words of your mouth.

Job 8:3 Does **YAHWEH** pervert judgment?
Or does The Almighty pervert justice?

Job 8:4 If your children have offended against Him
then He will send them into the hand of their rebellion.

Job 8:5 If you yourself **תא**
will diligently search for **YAHWEH**
then Almighty El will show Himself gracious.

Job 8:6 If you yourself **תא** are pure and upright
then indeed now,
He will arouse Himself concerning you
and He will restore the dwelling place of your justice.
Job 8:7 And your beginning was small,
but your latter end will increase exceedingly.

Job 8:8 Indeed, inquire now to the former generation
and prepare to examine their fathers.
Job 8:9 Indeed, we *are* of a short time ago.
And we do not know.
Indeed, our days are a shadow upon earth.
Job 8:10 Will they not teach you, speak to you,
and from their heart cause answers to come forth?

Job 8:11 Does papyrus rise up with no swamp,
a bulrush grow up without water?
Job 8:12 It still has green.
It is not cut down,
but it withers before any plant.

Job 8:13 According to this are the paths
of everyone forgetting **YAHWEH**.
And the hope of the defiled will perish,
Job 8:14 whose confidence is futile,
and whose trust is a spider's web.
Job 8:15 He will lean upon his house.
But it will not stand.
He will hold fast on it.

But it will not remain.

Job 8:16 He is moist before the face of the sun
and his branches spread out over his garden.

Job 8:17 His roots entwine over a heap.

They are seen between the stones.

Job 8:18 If he is destroyed from his place,
then it will deny him *saying*,
'I have not seen you.'

Job 8:19 Behold!

This is the delight of his way.

And from the dust others will grow.

Job 8:20 Behold!

YAHWEH does not reject the blameless!

And He will not cause strength

in the hand of those doing what is bad.

Job 8:21 When He fills your mouth with laughter

and your lips with shouts of joy

Job 8:22 those hating you will be clothed with shame.

And the tent of the morally wrong will exist no more."

Chapter 9

Job 9:1 And Iyowb responded.

And he said,

Job 9:2 "Truly, I know this is so.

But how can a mortal be just with **YAHWEH**?

Job 9:3 If one were inclined to contend with Him

He would not respond to him one time of a thousand.

Job 9:4 *He is* wise of heart and mighty of power.

Who has been harsh toward Him and prospered?

Job 9:5 The One removing mountains,

and they have not known,

which He has overturned in His anger;

Job 9:6 The One shaking the earth from her place.

Even its columns tremble themselves;

Job 9:7 The One speaking to the sun,

and it does not rise.

And on His behalf He seals up the stars;

Job 9:8 The One stretching out the skies

for His sake alone;

even The One treading upon the waves of the sea;

Job 9:9 The One making Arcturus, Orion,

and The Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;

Job 9:10 The One doing great things

to beyond searching out,

and extraordinary acts even beyond number.

Job 9:11 Behold!

He passes over above me.

But I do not see.

And He slips past.

But I do not perceive Him.

Job 9:12 Behold!

He snatches away!

Who can bring it back?

Who can say to Him,

'What are You doing?'

Job 9:13 **YAHWEH** will not turn back His anger.

The helpers of the proud crouch beneath Him.

Job 9:14 How much less can I respond to Him,

choose my words with Him?

Job 9:15 Indeed, if I were just I would not answer!

To The One judging me I will request favor.

Job 9:16 If I had called and He had answered me

I would not believe that He
was listening attentively to my voice,
Job 9:17 since He crushes me with a storm
and has multiplied my wounds without cause.

Job 9:18 He does not permit me to recover my breath.
Indeed, He causes me to be filled with bitternesses.

Job 9:19 If it is for the sake of strength, behold!
He is The Mighty One.
And if *it is* for the sake of judgment,
who will cause a time to be appointed?

Job 9:20 If I *were* just
my own mouth would cause me to be condemned.
If I myself *were* blameless
my mouth would cause me to be *declared* perverse.

Job 9:21 I am blameless!
I do not know my own life!
I despise my life!
Job 9:22 It is all one *thing*!
For this reason I have said,
'The blameless and the morally wrong
He will bring to an end.'

Job 9:23 If the scourge causes one
to be killed suddenly
He will laugh at the testing of the innocent.

Job 9:24 The earth has been given
into the hand of the morally wrong.
He covers the faces of her judges.
If it is not thus *then* who is it?

Job 9:25 And my days are more swift than a runner.
They have fled.
They have not seen good.
Job 9:26 They have passed like ships of papyrus,
like an eagle swooping upon its prey.

Job 9:27 If I say, 'I will forget my complaint.
I will abandon my sad face and I will cheer up.
Job 9:28 I have been afraid of all my pains.'
I know that You will not declare me innocent.

Job 9:29 *If* I am morally wrong
why this wearying labor?
Job 9:30 If I washed myself compared to snow
and purified my hands with soap,
Job 9:31 even then You will immerse me
in a *filthy* ditch.
Then my garments will detest me.

Job 9:32 Indeed, He is not a man like me
so that I can answer Him,
that we can come together in judgment.
Job 9:33 There is no mediator between us
to place his hand upon us both.

Job 9:34 Let Him cause His rod
to turn aside from me.
And let His terror not frighten me.
Job 9:35 *Then* I will speak and not fear Him.
Indeed, it is not like this with me.

Chapter 10

Job 10:1 "My existence is weary on account of my life.
I will abandon my complaint concerning me.
I will speak in the bitterness of my life.
Job 10:2 I will say to **YAHWEH**,
'Do not cause me to be declared wrong.
Cause me to know for what reason

You are contending with me.

Job 10:3 Is it good to You that You oppress,
that You reject the work of Your hands,
but look favorably upon the counsel
of the morally wrong?

Job 10:4 Do You have eyes of flesh?

If only you would see as a mortal sees!

Job 10:5 Are the days of a mortal *like* Your days,
or Your years like the days of a man

Job 10:6 that You seek for my moral perversity
and search out my offense?

Job 10:7 According to Your knowledge

I am not wrong.

But there is no one to cause me
to be delivered from Your hand.

Job 10:8 Your hands have fashioned me
and made me altogether, all around,
yet You are devouring me.

Job 10:9 Remember, please,
that You have made me with clay
and to dust you will cause me to return.

Job 10:10 Did You not cause me
to be poured out like milk,
and cause me to be congealed like cheese?

Job 10:11 With skin and flesh you clothed me
and with bones and sinews You have woven me.

Job 10:12 Life and kindness You have done with me.

And Your oversight has protected my breath.

Job 10:13 And these You have hidden in Your heart.
I know that this is with You.

Job 10:14 If I offend then You watch over me.

And because of my moral perversity
You will not declare me innocent.

Job 10:15 If I am morally wrong, woe is to me!

And *if* I am just

I will not lift up my head filled with shame
or look at my affliction!

Job 10:16 And if it is lifted up high

You will hunt me like a lion

and You will turn Yourself back

with an extraordinary act against me.

Job 10:17 You will renew Your testimonies against me

and You will increase Your indignation with me.

Changes and a host are against me.

Job 10:18 And why have You caused me

to come forth from the womb?

I will expire.

Then no eye will see me.

Job 10:19 According to what I have not been,

I *now* am,

being carried from the womb to the grave.

Job 10:20 Are not my days few?

Stop!

Put me away!

Then I will be caused to cheer up a little

Job 10:21 before I go and do not return,

to a land of darkness and the shadow of death,

Job 10:22 a land of obscurity,

comparable to the darkness of the shadow of death,

and there is no order.

And it is caused to shine like the darkness."

Chapter 11

Job 11:1 Then Tzophar the Na'amathite responded.

And he said,

Job 11:2 "Should a multitude of words
not be answered?

And should a man of lips be justified?

Job 11:3 Should your braggings
cause men to be silent?

And you mock, causing disgrace.

Job 11:4 And you have said,
'My instruction is pure.'

And, 'I have been clean in Your eyes.'

Job 11:5 However, if only **YAHWEH** would speak
and open His lips against you,

Job 11:6 and cause you to be told

the hidden things of wisdom,
that there are two sides to sound wisdom.

And know that **YAHWEH**

does not call to mind for you
some of your moral perversity.

Job 11:7 Can you find **YAHWEH** with a search?

Or can you discover the boundary of The Almighty?

Job 11:8 The heights of the skies...

What can you do?

Deeper than she'ol...

What can you know?

Job 11:9 Its measure is longer than the earth
and broader than the sea.

Job 11:10 If He passes by
and causes it to be closed or assembles it,
then who can turn it back?

Job 11:11 Indeed, He knows men of falsehood

and He sees worthlessness,

but He does not give consideration to it?

Job 11:12 And a man of emptiness

will have his heart stirred.

And a wild ass's colt will be born a human being!

These are two events

that Tzophar suggests will never happen.

This is placed in contrast

to one turning back an act of **YAHWEH**.

Job 11:13 If you yourself **nx**, will cause

your heart to be prepared

and you will spread out your hands to Him...

Job 11:14 If worthlessness is in your hand

cause it to be far away.

And do not cause moral perversity

to dwell in your tents.

Job 11:15 Indeed, then you will lift up your face

without blemish!

And you will be caused to be firm.

And you will not be afraid.

Job 11:16 Indeed, you yourself **nx** will forget trouble.

You will remember it

like waters that have crossed over.

Job 11:17 And your lifespan will rise brighter than noon.

You will shine forth.

You will be like the dawn.

Job 11:18 And you will trust because there is hope.

And you will dig for the sake of a refuge.

You will lie down,

Job 11:19 and you will rest,

and nothing will cause you to be afraid.

And many will seek your face.

Job 11:20 But the eyes of the morally wrong
will be consumed,
and a refuge will perish from them,
and their hope will be the expiring of life!"

Chapter 12

Job 12:1 And Iyowb responded.

And he said,

Job 12:2 "Truly, you yourselves **nx** are the people
and with you wisdom will die!

Job 12:3 But I also have a heart.

Compared to you I am not more inferior.

And who himself **nx** is not like these?

Job 12:4 I have become a laughing stock to my friends,
one calling to **YAHWEH**.

Yet He has answered him!

A laughing stock, the just, the blameless!

Job 12:5 Toward calamity there is contempt
for those at ease,

kicking for the sake of slipping feet,

Job 12:6 for the sake of ravaging the tents

of those who are at ease,

but security for the sake of those

provoking **YAHWEH** against him

for whom **YAHWEH** has caused *things*

to come into his hand.

Job 12:7 However, please inquire of the animals.

Even they will teach you;

and the birds of the skies,

even they will declare it to you.

Job 12:8 Or speak to the ground

and it will teach you.

Even the fish of the sea will declare it to you.

Job 12:9 Who among all these does not know

that the hand of **YAHWEH** has done this,

Job 12:10 He in whose hand

is the life of everything living,

even the breath of all the flesh of man?

Job 12:11 Does the ear not test words,

and the palate taste food for itself?

Job 12:12 With the aged is wisdom

and with length of days *is* understanding.

Job 12:13 With Him are wisdom and power.

His are counsel and discretion.

Job 12:14 Behold!

He tears down, and it can not be built.

He shuts up concerning a man,

and it can not be opened.

Job 12:15 Behold!

He restrains the waters and they dry up.

Then He sends them out

and they overturn the ground.

Job 12:16 With Him are strength and sound wisdom.

Those being deceived and those deceiving are His.

Job 12:17 He causes counselors to be stripped

and judges to be foolish.

Job 12:18 He has loosened the bonds of kings

and He has bound a belt on their loins.

Job 12:19 He is The One causing priests
to go away stripped.

Even the mighty He overthrows.

Job 12:20 He is The One causing the lip to turn aside
of those being trusted,
and taking away the discernment of the elders,
Job 12:21 pouring contempt on nobles,
and causing the belt of the strong to drop.

Job 12:22 He is The One revealing deep matters
out of darkness,
even causing the shadow of death
to come forth to the light.

Job 12:23 He is The One making nations great.
And He destroys them.

He is The One spreading out as nations.
And He guides.

Job 12:24 He is The one causing to turn aside
the heart of the leaders of the people of the earth.
And He causes them to wander
in a formless waste with no path.
Job 12:25 They grope in the darkness
and there is no light.
And He causes them to stagger like a drunkard.

Chapter 13

Job 13:1 Behold!
My eye has seen it all.
My ear has heard
and it has understood it.

Job 13:2 According to your knowledge
I have also known, even I myself.
I am not more inferior compared to you.

Job 13:3 However, I myself,
I would speak to The Almighty
and cause to be made right
the desire of **YAHWEH**.

Job 13:4 However, you yourselves **nx**
smear with falsehood.
Those healing with worthlessness *are* all of you!

Job 13:5 What I wouldn't give
to cause you to be silent!
Then it would be to you as wisdom!

Job 13:6 Please listen attentively to my argument
and cause attention to be paid
to the contentions of my lips.

Job 13:7 Will you speak moral perversity for **YAHWEH**,
even speak deceit for Him?
Job 13:8 Will you show partiality to Him?
Or will you contend for **YAHWEH**?

Job 13:9 Will it be good
when He examines you yourselves **nx**?
Or will you cause Him to be deceived
like you cause a mortal to be deceived?

Job 13:10 He will rebuke, rebuke you yourselves **nx**,
if you secretly show partiality!

Job 13:11 Will not His exaltedness
make you yourselves **nx** afraid,
and the dread of Him fall upon you?

Job 13:12 Your memorable sayings
are proverbs of ashes!
Your backs are backs of clay!

Job 13:13 Hold your peace from me!
Then I myself will speak!
Then whatever *happens* will pass over upon me.

Job 13:14 Why do I lift my flesh with my teeth
and put my life in my hands?

Job 13:15 Behold!
He *may* kill me.
I will hope!
However, I will cause my ways
to be decided before His face.

Job 13:16 Also, He is my deliverance.
Indeed, one defiled can not come before His face.

Job 13:17 Listen attentively!
Listen attentively to my words,
even with your ears to my declaration!

Job 13:18 Behold now!
I have set the case in order.
I know that I myself will be justified.

Job 13:19 Who is he that will contend with me?
Indeed, now I will be silent and die.

Job 13:20 Only two things You are not to do with me.
Then I will not be hidden from Your face:
Job 13:21 - cause Your hand to be far from me.
- and do not let the dread of You make me afraid.

Job 13:22 Then call, and I will answer.
Or I will speak and You will reply to me.
Job 13:23 According to what
are my moral perversities and offenses?
Cause me to know my rebellion and my offenses.

Job 13:24 Why do You hide Your face
and regard me as Your adversary?

Job 13:25 Will You cause a leaf
being driven away to tremble?
Or will You pursue dry stubble *itself* **nx**?

Job 13:26 Indeed, You write bitter things against me
and You cause me to inherit
the moral perversities of my youth.
Job 13:27 And You place my feet in the stocks.
And You watch over all my paths.
You set a limit upon the heels of my feet.
Job 13:28 And he, like that which is rotten,
wastes away like a garment eaten by a moth.

Chapter 14

Job 14:1 A human being,
having been born of a woman,
is of few days.
And he is filled with agitation.
Job 14:2 Like a flower he has come forth.
Then he withers and he flees like a shadow,
and he does not remain.

Job 14:3 Even upon this one You open Your eyes.
And me myself **nx** You bring into judgment with You!

Job 14:4 Who can give *what* is pure
from *what* is defiled?

No one!

Job 14:5 Since his days have been decided
the number of his months is with You Yourself **תו**,
You have appointed his set time,
and he can not pass over.

Job 14:6 Turn Your gaze from upon him
and let him rest
until like a hired man he takes pleasure with his day.

Job 14:7 Indeed, there is hope for a tree.
If it is cut down, then it will sprout again,
and its twig will not cease.

Job 14:8 *Even* if its root is caused
to grow old in the ground
and its stump dies in the ground,

Job 14:9 from the scent of water
it will be caused to bud
and it will make foliage like a plant.

Job 14:10 But a man dies.
Then he lies prostrate.
And a human being breathes out,
but where is he?

Job 14:11 Waters disappear from the sea.
And a river dries up and is withered.
Job 14:12 But a man will lie down and not get up.
Until the skies are no more
they will not be caused to awaken
and they will not be aroused from their sleep.

Job 14:13 If only You would cause me
to be hidden in She'ol,
cause me to be covered
until Your anger is turned back!
Set for me a time!
Then remember me!

Job 14:14 If a man dies will he live again?
All the days of my appointed time I will wait
until my change comes.
Job 14:15 You will call, and I will answer You.

You have longed earnestly
for the work of Your hands.
Job 14:16 Indeed now, You count my steps.
Do You not keep watch over my offense?
Job 14:17 My rebellion has been in a bag.
And You have covered over my moral perversity.

Job 14:18 However, a falling mountain fades away,
and a rock is moved from its place.
Job 14:19 Water pulverizes stones.
Its gushing scrapes away the dust of the ground.

But the hope of a mortal
You have caused to perish.
Job 14:20 You overpower him to forever.
Then he goes, changing his appearance,
and You send him away.
Job 14:21 His sons are honored,
but he does not know it.
And they are brought low,
but he does not perceive it for them.

Job 14:22 Truly He *knows* only the pain
of his flesh upon him,
and he mourns concerning his life."

Chapter 15

Job 15:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded.

And he said,
Job 15:2 "Will a wise man answer
with vain knowledge
or fill his belly with the east wind?
Job 15:3 Will he reason with useless talk
or with speeches
that do not cause one to profit by it?

Job 15:4 Indeed, you yourself ~~nx~~ annul reverence
and you diminish contemplation
before the face of **YAHWEH**!

Job 15:5 Indeed, your moral perversity
teaches your mouth.
And you choose the tongue of the shrewd.
Job 15:6 Your own mouth condemns you,
and not I myself.
Even your own lips answer against you.

Job 15:7 Were you the first human being to be born?
Were you made even before the face of the hills,
or were you made before the mountains?

Job 15:8 Have you listened attentively
to the secret counsel of **YAHWEH**?
Or will you reduce wisdom to yourself?

Job 15:9 What do you know, but we do not know,
or understand, but it is not within us.
Job 15:10 Both the grey haired
and the aged are among us,
much older than your father.

Job 15:11 Are the comforts of **YAHWEH**
too little for you,
or a word that is gentle with you?
Job 15:12 What will you take to your heart?
And why do your eyes flash?

Job 15:13 Indeed, you cause your own breath
to turn back against **YAHWEH**!

And you have caused words go out of your mouth.
Job 15:14 What is a mortal that he can be innocent,
or one born of a woman that he can be just?

Job 15:15 Behold!
He does not trust in His set apart ones!
Even The Heavens are not pure in His eyes,
Job 15:16 how much less one being detestable
and morally corrupt,
drinking moral perversity like water!

Job 15:17 I will explain it to you!
Listen attentively to me!
Even this I have seen and declare,
Job 15:18 that which the wise cause to be declared
and have not concealed from their fathers.
Job 15:19 To them alone the land has been given.
And no stranger has passed over into their midst.

Job 15:20 All the days of the morally wrong
he has been grieving himself.
And the number of years
has been concealed for the ruthless.
Job 15:21 A dreadful sound is in his ears.
In peace one ravaging will come to him.
Job 15:22 He does not believe
he will return from darkness.
And he is kept under guard for the sword.
Job 15:23 He is wandering about for food.
While he knows that being prepared for him,
near at hand, is a day of darkness.

Job 15:24 He is made to fear distress and trouble.
They overwhelm him like a king ready to attack
Job 15:25 because he has stretched out his hand
against **YAHWEH**.

And The Almighty causes Himself to be strengthened.
Job 15:26 He runs against Him with the neck.
with the thick bosses of his shields.

Job 15:27 Indeed, he has covered his face with his fat
and he makes bulges of fat upon his loins.
Job 15:28 But he dwells in ruined cities,
in houses with no inhabitants in them
which have been prepared as heaps.

Job 15:29 He will not be rich.
And his wealth will not stand.
And his possessions will not spread out on the earth.
Job 15:30 He will not turn aside from darkness.
A flame will dry up his branches.
And he will turn aside at the breath of His mouth.
Job 15:31 He will not trust.
By worthlessness he will be deceived.
Indeed, worthlessness will be his compensation.
Job 15:32 Before his time it will be accomplished.
And his branch will not be green.
Job 15:33 He will be violent against his grape vine
and it will cast off its unripe grape
like the blossom of an olive tree.

Job 15:34 Indeed, the assembly of the defiled
will be barren
and fire will consume the tents of bribery.
Job 15:35 They will conceive trouble
and bring forth worthlessness.
Even their womb will be caused to prepare deception."

Chapter 16

Job 16:1 Then Iyowb responded.
And he said,
Job 16:2 "I have listened attentively
to many things like these.
Your comforting is wearisome, all of you!

Job 16:3 Is there a limit to words of wind?
And what causes you
to be grievous when you answer?

Job 16:4 Also, I might even speak like you
if only it was your life instead of my life.
I might be caused to join together
against you with words
and shake my head at you.

Job 16:5 I might strengthen you with my mouth
and the moving of my lips might bring relief.

Job 16:6 If I speak my suffering is not relieved.
And if I refrain, will it go away from me?

Job 16:7 However,
now He has caused me to be weary.
You have caused all of my assembly
to be devastated.

Job 16:8 And You have seized me.
And it exists as a witness.
And my leanness rises up in me.
In my face it bears witness.

Job 16:9 With His anger He has torn in pieces.
Even He hates me.
My opponent has gnashed at me with His teeth.
He sharpens His eyes toward me.

Job 16:10 They have jeered at me.
With contempt they have struck my cheeks.
They united themselves fully against me.

Job 16:11 **YAHWEH** has surrendered me
to the morally perverse.
And He casts me
into the hands of the morally wrong.

Job 16:12 I was at ease.
Then He broke me.
And He grabbed me by my neck.
And he shattered me.
And He has stood me up as His target.
Job 16:13 His archers surround me.
He splits my kidneys in two.
Even He has no pity.
He pours out my bile on the ground.
Job 16:14 He breaks through me
with a breach upon the face of a breach.
He runs against me like a mighty man.

Job 16:15 I have sown sackcloth over my skin
and I thrust my horn into the dust.
Job 16:16 My face is reddened from weeping,
and upon my eyelids is the shadow of death
Job 16:17 though no violence was in my hand
and my prayer was pure.

Job 16:18 Earth, do not cover my blood!
And let there be no resting place for my outcry!

Job 16:19 Even now, behold!
My witness *is* in The Heavens,
and my advocate is in the heights!

Job 16:20 Those causing scorn to me are my friends.
Toward **YAHWEH** my eyes drip tears
Job 16:21 even as a man pleads with **YAHWEH**,
even like the child of a human being
does with his neighbor.

Job 16:22 Indeed, a number of years will arrive.
Then I will go the way of no return.

Chapter 17

Job 17:1 "My breath has been destroyed.
My days have been extinguished.
Graves are mine.
Job 17:2 If not, mockers are with me,
and concerning their rebellions my eye will rest!

Job 17:3 Establish, please, my pledge with You.
Who is he that will strike hands with me?

Job 17:4 Indeed, You have hidden their heart
from understanding.
For this reason You will not exalt them.

Job 17:5 For the sake of flattery
one causes friendship to be declared.
But the eyes of his children will fail.

Job 17:6 And He has caused me to be established
as a byword of people,
and I am as an object of spitting before their faces.
Job 17:7 And my eye is dim because of provocation.
And my members are like shadows, all of them.
Job 17:8 The upright are astonished concerning this
and the innocent stirs himself up
against a defiled one.

Job 17:9 But the just will hold firmly to his way
and the one with clean hands
will be caused to be strong again.

Job 17:10 Then surely You will turn back all of them.
And they will come now,
but I will not find a wise one among them.

Job 17:11 My days have passed over.
My plans have been torn away,
the desires of my heart.

Job 17:12 They place night as day
saying 'light is near.'
in the presence of darkness!

Job 17:13 If I hope, She'ol *is* my house.
I will spread out my bed in darkness.

Job 17:14 I have said to the pit,
'You are my father.'
to the maggot,

'*You yourself* **nx** are my mother and my sister.'

Job 17:15 But where, then, is my hope?

And my hope, who can observe it?

Job 17:16 To the bars of She'ol they will go down.
Oh that altogether we would rest upon the dust?"

Chapter 18

Job 18:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite responded.

And he said,

Job 18:2 "Until when will you put an end to words?
Consider, and afterwards we will speak.

Job 18:3 Why are we being regarded
as stupid animals in your eyes?

Job 18:4 You who are tearing yourself
to pieces in anger,
will the earth be abandoned for your sake?
Or will a rock move from its place?

Job 18:5 Truly, the light of the morally wrong
will be extinguished
and the flame of his fire will not shine.

Job 18:6 The light will be dark in his tent
and his lamp beside him will be extinguished.

Job 18:7 The steps of his strength will be restricted.
And his own counsel
will cause him to be thrown down.

Job 18:8 Indeed, he will be sent into a net
by his own feet,
and he will walk over a snare.

Job 18:9 A net will take hold on *his* heel.

A snare will prevail over him.

Job 18:10 His cord will be buried in the ground
and his trap *will be* beside the path.

Job 18:11 All around him will be alarms of terrors,
even scattered at his feet.

Job 18:12 His strength will be famished
and calamity is being prepared at his side.

Job 18:13 It will consume parts of his skin.

The firstborn of death will consume his parts.

Job 18:14 He will be torn away
from his tent, his security.

And they will cause him to march
before the king of terrors.

Job 18:15 Nothing of his will dwell in his tent.

Brimstone will be scattered on his dwelling place.

Job 18:16 His roots will wither from below
and his branch will perish from above.

Job 18:17 The memory of him
will perish from the earth
and he will have no name in the street.

Job 18:18 They will drive him out
from the light into the darkness
and he will be caused
to wander away from the world.

Job 18:19 There will be no offspring
or descendant among his people,
nor any survivor in his dwellings.

Job 18:20 Those coming after him
will be astonished concerning his day.
And those having gone before
will be seized with horror.

Job 18:21 Truly, *like* these are the dwellings
of the morally bad.
And this is the position of one
who does not know **YAHWEH**."

Chapter 19

Job 19:1 Then Iyowb responded.

And he said,

Job 19:2 "Until when will you afflict my life
and crush me with words?

Job 19:3 These ten times
you have caused me to be disgraced.
You are not ashamed to treat me badly.

Job 19:4 Even if I have indeed gone astray,
my straying is to remain with me myself **nx**.

Job 19:5 If you indeed
will magnify yourselves against me
and decide my reproach against me,
Job 19:6 know then that **YAHWEH**
has overthrown me,
and His net is over me, surrounding me.

Job 19:7 Behold!
I cry, 'Violence!'
But I am not heard.
I cry aloud.
But there is no judgment.

Job 19:8 He has walled up my way
and I can not pass over.
And upon my paths He has placed darkness.
Job 19:9 He has stripped my honor from upon me
and He has removed the crown from my head.
Job 19:10 He tears me down on every side.
And I go on, but He pulls up
the pegs of my hope like a tree.

Job 19:11 And He causes His anger
to be kindled against me.
And He regards me as one of His opponents.
Job 19:12 His bands come together
and they mound up their way against me,
and they encamp all around beside my tent.

Job 19:13 He has caused my kindred
to be far away from me
and my friends have been truly estranged from me.
Job 19:14 Those of my close kindred have failed
and my friends have forgotten me.

Job 19:15 The guests in my house,
even my female servants,
regard me as a stranger.

I have become a foreigner in their eyes.
Job 19:16 I have called to my servant
but he does not respond.
I myself have to request favor from him
with my mouth.

Job 19:17 My breath is a stranger to my wife
and my request for favor
to the children of my own body.

Job 19:18 Even young children have rejected me.
At my rising up they speak against me.
19:19 All my intimate friends have loathed me.
Even those whom I have loved
have turned against me.

Job 19:20 My skin and my flesh cling to my bones
and I have caused myself to escape
by the skin of my teeth.

Job 19:21 Show favor to me!
Show favor to me, you yourselves ~~nx~~, my friends!

Indeed, the hand of **YAHWEH** has struck against me!

Job 19:22 Why do you persecute me like **YAHWEH**,
and are not satisfied with my flesh?

Job 19:23 Who will grant it now
and inscribe my words?
Who will grant it and inscribe it on a scroll,
or engrave it
Job 19:24 with a pen of iron and lead,
forever hewn in rock?

Job 19:25 But I myself know
The One redeeming me is alive!
And at the last He will stand upon the dust!
Job 19:26 Even after my skin, this,
has been destroyed,
then, apart from my flesh,
I will see **YAHWEH**!
Job 19:27 When I myself, I, will look at Him!,
even my eyes will see Him and not a stranger!

My kidneys have failed within me.

Job 19:28 If you say, 'Why are we persecuting him?'
then the root of the matter has been found in me.

Job 19:29 Be afraid for yourselves
before the face of the sword!
Indeed, the wrath of the morally perverse *is* the sword
in order that you will know judgment."

Chapter 20

Job 20:1 Then Tzophar the Na'amathite responded.
And he said,
Job 20:2 "For this reason
my thoughts cause me to reply,
even on account of my anxiety within me.

Job 20:3 To the instruction,
to the humiliation,
I have listened attentively.
And with the breath I will respond
from my understanding.

Job 20:4 This very thing you have known from forever,
from *when* a human being was placed on the earth,
Job 20:5 that the joyful shout
of the morally wrong is short,
and the glee of the defiled is for a moment.

Job 20:6 Although his loftiness ascends to the skies
and his head touches the clouds,
Job 20:7 like his own excrement,
he will perish forever.
Those having seen him will say, 'Where is he?'
Job 20:8 He will fly away like a dream.
And he will not be found.
And he will be caused to wander
like a vision of the night.
Job 20:9 The eye that has looked intently at him
will not be caused to do so any longer.
And his place will not see him any longer.

Job 20:10 His children will seek the favor of the weak
and his hands will cause his strength
to be turned back.
Job 20:11 His bones have been filled with his youth,
but will lie down with him upon the dust.

Job 20:12 Though what is bad is sweet in his mouth
he will be caused to hide it under his tongue.
Job 20:13 He will commiserate over it,
but he will not abandon it.
And he will restrain it within his mouth.

Job 20:14 His food will be turned in his intestines.
The bitterness of an adder *will be* in his midst.
Job 20:15 He has swallowed down riches,
but he will vomit them up.
The El will cause it to be driven out of his stomach.

Job 20:16 He will suck the poison of adders.
The tongue of the poisonous serpent will kill him.

Job 20:17 He will not look at water courses,
rivers flowing with honey and butter.

Job 20:18 He will be causing to return
that for which he has labored.
And he will not swallow it
like the wealth from his trade.
And he will not be joyful.

Job 20:19 Indeed, he has oppressed.
He has abandoned the weak.
He has stolen a house,
but he did not build it.

Job 20:20 Indeed, he will not know
quietness in his belly.
Among what he has been desiring
nothing will escape.
Job 20:21 There will be nothing left for him to eat.
For this reason he will not celebrate what is good.

Job 20:22 With the fulness of his abundance
distress will be his.
The hand of everyone toiling will come *against him*.

Job 20:23 It will be at the filling of his belly
that He will send against him His burning wrath.
And it will be caused to rain down upon him
as he is eating.

Job 20:24 He will flee from a weapon of iron.
A bow of copper will pierce him through.
Job 20:25 One has been drawn out.
And it will come out of his back,
even gleaming, out of his gall.
Terrors will come upon him.

Job 20:26 All the darkness

has been concealing *it* as his hiding places.
He will be consumed by a fire not fanned.
It will be bad for what remains in his tent.

Job 20:27 The skies will reveal his moral perversity
and the ground will raise itself up against him.
Job 20:28 The increase of his house
will be carried away *like* rushing water
in the day of His anger.

Job 20:29 This is the portion
of a morally wrong human being from **YAHWEH**,
even the inheritance appointed by **YAHWEH**."

Chapter 21

Job 21:1 Then Iyowb responded.
And he said,
Job 21:2 "Listen attentively!
Listen attentively to my words
Then this will be your consolations.
Job 21:3 Bear with me and I will speak!
And after my speaking you can mock.

Job 21:4 Is my complaint against a human being?
And if *it is* why should I not be impatient?
Job 21:5 Face toward me and be appalled!
Then place your hand over your mouth!

Job 21:6 Even if I take note of it
then I am frightened,
and my flesh is seized with trembling.

Job 21:7 Why do the morally wrong live,
become old, even mighty in power?
Job 21:8 Their seed is established with them
before their faces,
and their offspring before their eyes.
Job 21:9 Their houses are safe from dread
and no rod of **YAHWEH** is upon them.
Job 21:10 His bull breeds and does not fail.
His cow brings forth and does not miscarry.

Job 21:11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
and their children leap for joy.
Job 21:12 They sing with a tambourine and lyre
and they rejoice to the sound of the flute.

Job 21:13 They exhaust their days with goodness.
And in a moment they descend to She'ol.

Job 21:14 And they say to **YAHWEH**,
'Turn aside from us!
and, 'We have no desire to know Your ways!
Job 21:15 Who is The Almighty
that we should serve Him?
And what benefit *is it* if we meet with Him?'

Job 21:16 Behold!
Is their good not in their own hand?

The counsel of the morally wrong
has been far from me.

Job 21:17 According to what
is the lamp of the morally wrong extinguished,
or does their calamity come upon them,
or the cords He apportions in His anger?

Job 21:18 They are like straw
before the face of the wind
and like chaff swept away with a stormy wind.

Job 21:19 **YAHWEH** stores away his worthlessness

for his children.
He will repay it to him.
Then he will know *it*.
Job 21:20 His own eyes
will see his own condemnation
and from the wrath of The Almighty he will drink.

Job 21:21 Indeed, what *is* his pleasure
in his house after him?
Even the number of his months has been cut off.

Job 21:22 Can anyone teach knowledge to **YAHWEH**,
Even He Who is judging those being exalted?

Job 21:23 This one dies with the integrity of his bones,
completely at ease and prosperous.
Job 21:24 His pails are filled with milk
and the marrow of his bones is moist.

Job 21:25 But this one dies in the bitterness of his life.
And he does not eat according to what is good.
Job 21:26 Together they will lie down in the dust
and the maggots will cover them.

Job 21:27 Behold!
I know your thoughts
and the intentions of wrong against me.
Job 21:28 Indeed, you say,
'Where is the house of the noble?
And where is the tent, the dwelling place,
of the morally wrong?'

Job 21:29 Have you not asked
those passing over the road?
And do you not scrutinize their signs?

Job 21:30 Indeed,
for the sake of the day of destruction
the evil one is reserved!
For the sake of the day of wrath
they have been brought forth!

Job 21:31 Who will cause his way
to be declared to his face?
And for what he has done, who will repay it to him?

Job 21:32 Even he himself will be brought to the grave
and a vigil will be kept over his tomb.
Job 21:33 The clods of the wadi will be sweet to him.
And after him every human being will be drawn.
Even innumerable are those *who have gone* before him.

Job 21:34 But *oh* how you comfort me with emptiness!
And your replies remain treacherous acts!"

Chapter 22

Job 22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite responded.
And he said,
Job 22:2 "Can a man be useful to **YAHWEH**?
Surely he is useful to Him by causing insight.

Job 22:3 Is it a delight to The Almighty
that you are just,
or is it unjust gain when you
have caused your ways to be blameless?

Job 22:4 Is it because of your reverence of Him
that He rebukes you, enters into judgment with you?

Job 22:5 Is not your evil abundant?
And is there not an end to your moral perversities?

Job 22:6 Indeed, you take pledges

from your kindred for nothing.
And the garments of the naked
you cause to be stripped off.
Job 22:7 You do not cause the faint to drink water,
and from the hungry you have withheld food.

Job 22:8 But the man of strength, the earth is his.
And those showing favor dwell in it.

Job 22:9 Widows you have sent away empty,
and the arms of the fatherless have been crushed.
Job 22:10 For this reason snares are all around you
and sudden dread frightens you,
Job 22:11 or darkness.
You can not see.
Then an abundance of water covers you.

Job 22:12 Is not **YAHWEH** in the height of the sky?
And look at the top of the stars.
Indeed they are lofty!

Job 22:13 But you have said,
'What has **YAHWEH** known?
Can He judge through the thick cloud?
Job 22:14 Clouds are His cover and He can not see.
And He walks Himself about the circuit of the skies.'

Job 22:15 Have you watched over the paths of eternity
which persons of worthlessness have trodden,
Job 22:16 *those* who were cut down,
but it was not time?
A flood was poured out on their foundations,
Job 22:17 those saying to **YAHWEH**,
'Turn aside from us!'
And what did The Almighty do to them?
Job 22:18 Even He had filled their houses
with the good!

"But the counsel of the morally wrong
has been far from me."
[This is a very sarcastic repetition
of lyowb's own words. See 21.16.](#)

Job 22:19 The just will see it
and they will be glad.
And the innocent will mock at them *saying*,
Job 22:20 'Of a certainty,
our enemies have been cut off
and fire has consumed their remains.'

Job 22:21 Be of use now to Him!
Then be at peace!
By these a blessing will come to you.

Job 22:22 Accept instruction now from His mouth!
And place His words in your heart!

Job 22:23 If you will return to The Almighty
you will be built up.
You will cause moral perversity
to be far from your tents.

Job 22:24 And set your gold in the dust,
even among the stones of the wadis of Ophir!
Job 22:25 Then The Almighty will be
your gold and your silver, your abundance.

Job 22:26 Indeed, then concerning The Almighty
you will delight yourself!
And you will lift up your face toward **YAHWEH**.
Job 22:27 You will make earnest request to Him
and He will listen attentively to you.
And you will complete your vows.

Job 22:28 And you will determine a thing
and it will be established for you.
And a light will shine upon your ways.

Job 22:29 Indeed, they have been humbled.
But you will say, 'A lifting up!'
But the humble of eyes
He will cause to be delivered.

Job 22:30 He will rescue those not innocent.
And He will cause you to be rescued
on account of the purity of your hands."

Chapter 23

Job 23:1 And Iyowb responded.
And he said,
Job 23:2 "Even today my complaint is bitter.
My hand is heavy on account of my groaning.
Job 23:3 If only I knew and I could find Him
I would go to His place!
Job 23:4 I would arrange my case
in order before His face
and fill my mouth with arguments.
Job 23:5 I would know the words
of His response to me
and I would understand what He would say to me.

Job 23:6 Would He contend with me in great power?
Surely He would not place it against me.

Job 23:7 There the upright might reason with Him
and I would be delivered forever from my Judge.

Job 23:8 Behold!
I go forward, but He is not;
and backward, but I do not perceive Him;
Job 23:9 to the left hand according to His doing,
but I do not perceive *Him*.
He covers *Himself* with the right hand
and I do not see.

Job 23:10 Indeed, He has known the way with me.
He has tested me.
I will come forth like gold.

Job 23:11 My foot has held fast onto His path.
I have protected His way
and I will not be caused to turn aside.
Job 23:12 I have not strayed
from the directive of His lips
and I have not departed from His decree.
I have stored away the words of His mouth
more than what is appointed to me.

Job 23:13 But He is as One,
and who can cause Him to turn back?
And His life has desired.
And He has done it.

Job 23:14 Indeed, He will complete
my appointed allotment.
And there are many such as this with Him.

Job 23:15 For this reason I tremble inwardly
before His face.
I consider myself.
Then I am in dread of Him.

Job 23:16 And **YAHWEH** has caused me
to be faint hearted.
And The Almighty has caused me to be terrified
Job 23:17 because I was not destroyed
before the face of the darkness.

Even from my face
He has covered the thick darkness.

Chapter 24

Job 24:1 Why are times not hidden from The Almighty
but those knowing Him have not seen His days?

Job 24:2 They cause landmarks to be removed.

They steal a flock and feed *on it*.

Job 24:3 The ass of the fatherless they drive away.

They take the widow's ox as a pledge.

Job 24:4 They turn aside the destitute from the way.

Together they have concealed the afflicted of the earth.

Job 24:5 Behold!

Like wild asses in the wilderness

they go forth with their work,

diligently seeking for prey.

The desert *gives* to him food for the young.

Job 24:6 They reap his fodder in a field

and they glean the vineyard of the morally wrong.

Job 24:7 They spend the night naked,

without a garment,

and *there is* no covering in the cold.

Job 24:8 They are wet

from the storms of the mountains.

And because of *being* without shelter

they have hugged a rock.

Job 24:9 They steal the fatherless from the breast.

And they take a pledge from the afflicted.

Job 24:10 Naked they will go, without a garment.

And hungry, they will pick up a sheaf.

Job 24:11 Within their walls

they will cause oil to be pressed out.

They have treaded the winepresses,

but they are thirsty.

Job 24:12 From the city people groan

and the lives of the wounded cry out for help,

but **YAHWEH** does not place blame.

Job 24:13 They have been like those

rebellious at the light.

They have not known His ways

and they have not remained in His pathways.

Job 24:14 At daylight one murdering rises.

He kills the afflicted and the destitute.

And at night he is like a thief.

Job 24:15 Even *like* the eye

of one committing adultery

he watches for dusk saying, 'No eye will see me.'

And he puts a cover on the face.

Job 24:16 He has dug into houses in the darkness.

By day they shut themselves up.

They have not known the light.

Job 24:17 Indeed, to all of them

dawn is the same to them as the shadow of death.

Indeed, he will be caused to know the terrors

of the shadow of death.

Job 24:18 He is swift upon the face of the waters.

Their portion is cursed on the earth.

He will not turn to the way of vineyards.

Job 24:19 Drought and heat will steal snow waters.

She'll *will steal* those who have offended.

Job 24:20 The womb will forget him.

The maggot will feed sweetly on him.

He will be remembered no more.

Moral evil will be broken like a tree.

Job 24:21 He is a companion to the barren
who do not give birth.
And the widow he does not treat well.

Job 24:22 But He will draw away the mighty
with His might.
He will rise up
and one will not be certain about life.
Job 24:23 He will give to him for security.
And he will be supported.
And His eyes will be upon their ways.

Job 24:24 They are exalted for a little while.
But they will not exist.
And they will be brought low.
Like everything *else* they will be gathered up.
Even like a head of grain they will be cut down.

Job 24:25 But if it is not so
then who will cause me to be declared a liar
or establish my words as nothing?"

Chapter 25

Job 25:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite responded.
And he said,
Job 25:2 "Dominion and dread are with Him.
He is making shalom in His high places.

Job 25:3 Is there a number to His troops?
And over whom does His light not rise?

Job 25:4 And how can a mortal
be justified with **YAHWEH**?
Or how can one be innocent
having been born of a woman?

Job 25:5 Behold as far as the moon!
Even it is not bright.
Even the stars are not pure in His eyes.
Job 25:6 How much less *is* a mortal, a maggot,
even a son of a human being, a maggot?"

Chapter 26

Job 26:1 Then Iyowb responded.
And he said,
Job 26:2 "How have you given help
to those with no power,
caused to be delivered an arm not strong?

Job 26:3 How have you given counsel
to one with no wisdom,
or caused an abundance to know sound wisdom?

Job 26:4 To whom *himself* **nx**
have you declared matters?
And whose breath came forth from you?

Job 26:5 The dead ones writhe
from beneath the waters,
even those dwelling in them.

Job 26:6 She'ol is naked in front of Him.
Even Abaddon has no covering.

Job 26:7 He *is* *The One* stretching out the north
over emptiness,
hanging the earth upon nothing.
How?

Job 26:8 *He is The One* confining the waters
in His thick clouds,
but the cloud is not torn under them.

Job 26:9 *He is The One* holding the face
of the place of honor,
spreading out His cloud over it.

Job 26:10 By decree He drew a circle
on the surface of the waters
at the extremities between light and darkness.

Job 26:11 The columns of the skies tremble
and they are astonished by His rebuke.

Job 26:12 With His force He has divided the sea
and with His understanding He has pierced Rahab.

Job 26:13 On account of His breath
the skies are bright.
His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

Job 26:14 Behold!
These are the fringes of His ways!
And how faint a whisper we hear of Him!
And who can understand the thunder of His power?"

Chapter 27

Job 27:1 And Iyowb again took up his discourse.

And he said,

Job 27:2 "By the life of **YAHWEH**
Who has turned aside my judgment,
even The Almighty,

Who has caused my life to be bitter,

Job 27:3 as long as my breath is in me,
even the breath of **YAHWEH** is in my nostrils,

Job 27:4 my lips will not speak moral evil,
nor will my tongue ponder treachery!

Job 27:5 It will be my defilement
if I cause you yourselves **nx** to be justified!
Until I die I will not cause my integrity
to turn aside from me!

Job 27:6 To my justness I will hold fast
and I will not let it go!

My heart will not rebuke me as long as I live!

Job 27:7 May my adversary
be like the morally wrong,
and the one rising up against me
like the morally evil.

Job 27:8 Indeed, what is the hope of a defiled one
when he is cut off,
when **YAHWEH** takes away his life?

Job 27:9 Will **YAHWEH** listen attentively to his cry
when distress comes upon him?

Job 27:10 Will he delight himself upon The Almighty?
Will he call upon **YAHWEH** at all times?

Job 27:11 I will cause you yourselves **nx**
to be taught by the hand of **YAHWEH**.
What is with The Almighty I will not hide.

Job 27:12 Behold!
All of you yourselves **nx** have seen *this*.
But why this emptiness?
You are altogether empty?

Job 27:13 This is the portion
of a morally wrong human being with **YAHWEH**
and the inheritance of the ruthless
which they will receive from The Almighty:

Job 27:14 If his children increase,
it will be for the sword.

And his offspring will not be satisfied with food.

Job 27:15 Those who survive him
 will be buried on account of death,
 and his widows will not weep.
 Job 27:16 If he heaps up silver like dust,
 and prepares clothing like the mire,
 Job 27:17 he will prepare it,
 but the just will put it on.
 And the innocent will divide the silver.
 Job 27:18 He has built his house like a moth,
 like a booth one watching has made.
 Job 27:19 He will lie down rich,
 but he will not be gathered.
 He has opened his eyes, but it is no more!
 Job 27:20 Terrors will overtake him like a flood.
 At night a stormy wind has swept him away.
 Job 27:21 An east wind will lift him up and he will go.
 And it will sweep him away from his place
 Job 27:22 and it will be cast against him,
 and it will not show pity.
 He will flee swiftly from its power.
 Job 27:23 It will clap its hands concerning him.
 And it will whistle at him *in scorn* from his own place.

Chapter 28

Job 28:1 Indeed, there is a source for silver
 and a place to purify gold.
 Job 28:2 Iron is taken from the dirt
 and copper is smelted from stones.

 Job 28:3 He has established an end for the darkness,
 and to every extremity He is searching
 the stones of the darkness and the shadow of death.

 Job 28:4 He has burst open a wadi
 where no one is dwelling.
 They have been forgotten by feet.
 They have been hung low, away from mortals.
 They swing to and fro.

 Job 28:5 The ground, from it goes forth food,
 but underneath it is overturned like the fire.

 Job 28:6 Its stones are the place of sapphires
 and the dust is gold to Him.

 Job 28:7 The path is not known by a bird of prey,
 nor has the hawk's eye seen it.
 Job 28:8 The sons of pride have not walked upon it,
 nor has the lion passed over it.

 Job 28:9 He extends His hand onto the flint.
 He overturns the mountains at the roots.
 Job 28:10 He splits open channels in the rocks
 and His eye has seen every precious thing.
 Job 28:11 He binds overflowing rivers
 and the hidden things He brings forth to the light.

 Job 28:12 And wisdom, from where is it discovered?
 And where is this place of understanding?

 Job 28:13 A mortal does not know its value
 and it is not found in the land of the living.
 Job 28:14 The deep has said, 'It is not in me.'
 And the sea has said, 'It is not with me.'

 Job 28:15 Gold is not given in place of it
 and silver is not weighed out as its price.
 Job 28:16 It is not valued by the gold of Ophir,
 by precious shoham, nor sapphire.
 Job 28:17 Gold and crystal are not valued with it,
 nor is it exchanged for a vessel of fine gold.
 Job 28:18 No mention is made of coral or crystal,
 and the price of wisdom is above rubies.

Job 28:19 The topaz of Kush
is not to be compared with it,
nor is it valued by pure gold.

Job 28:20 And wisdom, from where does it come?
And where is this place of understanding?
Job 28:21 Even it has been hidden
from the eyes of all the living,
and from the birds of the skies it has been concealed.

Job 28:22 Abaddon and Death have said,
'With our ears we have heard a report of it.'

Job 28:23 **YAHWEH** has understood its way
and He has known its place itself **nx**.
Job 28:24 Indeed, He watches
the extremities of the earth!
He looks beneath all the skies
Job 28:25 for the sake of making a weight for the wind,
and the waters He has balanced with a measure.
Job 28:26 At its making *there was* a decree for the rain
and a path for the lightning of the thunders,

Job 28:27 Then He saw *wisdom*,
and He declared it.
He caused it to be established
and He also searched it out.

Job 28:28 Then He said to the human being,
'Behold!
The reverence of YAHWEH, that is wisdom!
And to turn aside
from what is bad is understanding!' "

Chapter 29

Job 29:1 And Iyowb again took up his discourse.
And he said,
Job 29:2 "What I wouldn't give if I could be
as in former months,
as in the days **YAHWEH** protected me
Job 29:3 by His causing His light
to shine upon my head,
when His light was shining in the darkness,
Job 29:4 according to how I was
in the prime of my life,
when the private personal counsel of **YAHWEH**
was within my tent,
Job 29:5 when The Almighty was still with me,
when my children were around me;
Job 29:6 when my steps were bathed with butter
and the rock poured out streams of oil for me.

Job 29:7 At my going out to the gate beside the city
in the open square I established my seat.
Job 29:8 The young men saw me.
Then they hid.
And the aged rose up.
They stood.
Job 29:9 Leaders restrained their words
and they placed a hand to their mouth.
Job 29:10 The voice of rulers was concealed
and their tongue clung to the roof of their mouth.

Job 29:11 Indeed, the ear listened attentively,
and it blessed me.
And the eye saw,
and it gave witness of me
Job 29:12 because I rescue the afflicted,
those crying crying out for help,
and the fatherless,
but no one is being a help to him.

Job 29:13 The blessing of one perishing

came upon me.
And the heart of a widow
I caused to shout for joy.

Job 29:14 With justice I was clothed,
and it clothed me like a robe.
And my judgment was a turban.

Job 29:15 I was eyes to the blind
and feet to the lame, I myself.
Job 29:16 I was a father to the destitute.
And the dispute I did not know I searched out.
Job 29:17 And I shattered the jaws of the morally evil,
and I plucked the prey from his teeth.

Job 29:18 And I said, "I will expire in my nest.
And like the sand,
my days will be caused to increase,
Job 29:19 my root opening wide toward the waters,
and the dew will lodge on my branches.

Job 29:20 My honor *will be* fresh within me
and my bow will be renewed in my hand.

Job 29:21 To me they listened attentively.
And they waited.
And they kept silence for my counsel.
Job 29:22 After my words they did not change *them*.
And my words dropped upon them.
Job 29:23 And they waited for me like the rain.
And they opened their mouth
as toward the spring rain.

Job 29:24 I laughed at them who were not reliable
and they did not cause the light of my face to fall.

Job 29:25 I chose their way.
And I sat as the head.
And I dwelt like a king among the troops,
like one who comforts mourners.

Chapter 30

Job 30:1 But now they have laughed at me,
those younger *than I*,
whose fathers I refused to put
with the dogs of my flocks.

Job 30:2 Also, the strength of their hands,
of what use is it to me
since their vigor has perished?

Job 30:3 On account of need and wasting hunger
they are fleeing to a desert,
already a devastation and a ruin,
Job 30:4 stripping off the herbs
of salt marshes on the shrubs
and roots of juniper trees as their food.

Job 30:5 From the midst they are driven out
(They shouted at them as at a thief.)
Job 30:6 to dwell in dreadful wadis,
caves of dirt and rocks.

Job 30:7 Among the bushes they cry out.
Beneath the nettles they gather together,
Job 30:8 sons of the foolish,
even sons without a name.
They have been driven out of the land.

Job 30:9 But now I have become their song
and I am to them as a byword.
Job 30:10 They have loathed me.
They have been far from me.

And they have not refrained from spitting in my face.
Job 30:11 Because He has loosened His cord
and He has afflicted me
they have thrown off restraint from my face.

Job 30:12 At my right hand a brood rises.
They have pushed away my feet
and they have built up against me
their destructive ways.

Job 30:13 They have broken up my path.
By my destruction they are caused to benefit.
No one is being of help against them.

Job 30:14 Through a wide breach they come,
rolling themselves *upon me* beneath the devastation.

Job 30:15 Terrors have been turned against me.
They pursue my reputation like the wind.
And like a cloud my deliverance has passed over.

Job 30:16 And now my life within me pours itself out.
Days of affliction seize me.
Job 30:17 At night He gouges out my bones
from within in me and my tendons do not relax.

Job 30:18 With abundant force
is my garment changed.
It girds me like the collar of my tunic.

Job 30:19 He has caused me
to be thrown into the mire.
And I have compared myself to dust and ashes.

Job 30:20 I cry out for help to You
but You do not answer me.
I have taken a stand.
And You have considered diligently concerning me.

Job 30:21 You have become as one cruel to me.
With the power of Your hand You harass me.

Job 30:22 You lift me up to the wind.
You cause me to ride it.
And You dissolve my very substance.

Job 30:23 Indeed, I have recognized
that You will cause me to turn back to death,
even to the house appointed for all the living.

Job 30:24 However, does not one in a ruin
stretch out his hand,
or on account of a disaster cry out for help?

Job 30:25 Did I not weep for him
whose day was difficult?
Was my life grieved for the sake of the destitute?

Job 30:26 When I waited for good, then bad came.
And when I waited for light, darkness came.

Job 30:27 My intestines churned
and they were not still.
Days of affliction went before me.
Job 30:28 I went about darkened,
but not by the sun.
I stood up in the assembly.
I cried for help.

Job 30:29 I have become a brother of jackals,
and a companion to the daughters of ostriches.

Job 30:30 My skin is blackened upon me
and my bones are burned from heat.

Job 30:31 Even my harp is as mourning
and my flute as the sound of weeping.

Chapter 31

Job 31:1 I have cut a covenant
for the sake of my eyes.
How then can I consider concerning a virgin?

Job 31:2 And what is the portion
of **YAHWEH** from above
or the inheritance of The Almighty
from the heights?

Job 31:3 Is it not disaster to the morally evil
and unexpected calamity
to those doing worthlessness?

Job 31:4 Does He not see my ways
and number all my steps?

Job 31:5 If I have walked with emptiness
or if my foot has hurried to deceit
Job 31:6 may He weigh me in a just scale.
And may **YAHWEH** know my integrity.

Job 31:7 If my step turns aside from the way,
or my heart has gone after my eyes,
or if any defect has clung to my hands,
Job 31:8 may I sow but another eat.
And may my produce be uprooted.

Job 31:9 If my heart has been enticed
concerning a woman
or if I have laid in wait beside my neighbor's door
Job 31:10 may my wife grind for another
and may others bend down over her.

Job 31:11 Indeed, that is a bad plan
and it is a moral perversity for the judges.
Job 31:12 Indeed, it is a fire consuming
as far as Abaddon
and it will uproot all my increase.

Job 31:13 If I have rejected the judgment
of my male servant or my female servant
when they contended with me
Job 31:14 then what will I do
when **YAHWEH** rises up?
And when He holds me accountable
what will I cause to answer Him?

Job 31:15 Did not The One
making me in the womb make him?
And did not The One Himself
prepare us in the womb?

Job 31:16 If I have restrained the weak from pleasure
or caused the widow's eyes to fail,
Job 31:17 or I eat my morsel by myself
and the fatherless have not eaten from it,
Job 31:18 though from my youth he grew up with me
as with a father,
or from my mother's womb I guided her;
Job 31:19 if I have seen one perishing
from lack of clothing,
or *there is* no covering for the destitute;
Job 31:20 if his loins have not blessed me,
and he warms himself with the fleece of my sheep;
Job 31:21 if I have waved my hand
against the fatherless
because I saw my support in the gate,
Job 31:22 may my shoulder separate from its blade
and my arm be broken from the shaft.

Job 31:23 Indeed, a terror is my El!
Destruction is of **YAHWEH**
and apart from His exaltedness I can not prevail.

Job 31:24 If I have placed my confidence in gold
or I have said to fine gold, 'My refuge.',
Job 31:25 if I have rejoiced
because my strength was great,
or because my hand had found might;
Job 31:26 if I have seen the sun
when it was caused to shine
or the moon moving with brightness
Job 31:27 and my heart was enticed in secret,
and my hand was kissed by mouth,
Job 31:28 that also is moral perversity,
liable for judgment
because I have denied The El above.

Job 31:29 If I rejoice at the destruction
of one hating me,
or I cause myself to be lifted up
because harm has found him,
Job 31:30 and I have not permitted my mouth to offend
by requesting his life with an oath;
Job 31:31 if the men of my tent have not said,
'Who is there that has not been satisfied
with his meat?'

Job 31:32 A stranger did not have to spend
the night in the street.
I have opened my doors to the road.

Job 31:33 If I have covered my rebellions
like a human being
for the sake of hiding
my moral perversity in my chest
Job 31:34 because I dread a great crowd
or the contempt of families terrifies me
then I will be silent
and I will not go out the door.

Job 31:35 Who will give to me a hearing?
Behold, my signature!
May The Almighty answer me
and may a scroll be written by the man of my dispute!

Job 31:36 Surely I will lift it up upon my shoulder!
I will tie it to me as my crown!
Job 31:37 The number of my steps
I will declare to Him.
Like a prince I will draw near to Him.

Job 31:38 If my soil cries out against me
or its furrows weep together;
Job 31:39 if I have eaten its substance without silver
or the life of its owners I have caused to breath out
Job 31:40 may thistles grow instead of wheat,
and useless weed instead of barley!"

The words of Iyowb *are* ended.

Chapter 32

Job 32:1 Then these three men
ceased to respond to *Iyowb himself* **תא**
because he was just in his own eyes.

Job 32:2 Then the anger of Elihu,
son of Barak'el the Buzite of the family of Ram,
against Iyowb his anger blazed up
on account of his justifying he himself
more than **YAHWEH**.

*Elihu means His El.
Barak'el means blessed by El.*

Buz means disrespect.
Ram means exalted.

Job 32:3 And his anger flared up
against *his* three friends
for not having found a reply.
And they had caused lyowb himself תא
to be declared wrong.

Job 32:4 And Elihu had waited
with *his* words for lyowb himself תא
because they were older in days than he.

Job 32:5 And Elihu saw that there was no reply
in the mouth of the three men.

And his anger flared up.

Job 32:6 And Elihu, son of Barak'el the Buzite,
responded, and he said,

"I myself am young of days,
and you yourselves תא are aged.

For this reason I was timid,
and I was frightened from revealing
to you yourselves תא my discernment.

Job 32:7 I said to *myself*,
'Days should speak,
and many years should cause wisdom to be taught.'

Job 32:8 However, there is breath in a mortal,
even the breath of The Almighty,
which causes his understanding.

Job 32:9 Not many are wise,
nor do the aged understand judgment.

Job 32:10 For the sake of this I have said,
'Listen attentively to me!
I will reveal to you my discernment, even I myself!'

Job 32:11 Behold!
I have waited for your words!
I have listened attentively to your words.
I have extended my ear to your insights
while you searched out what to say
Job 32:12 and I paid attention to you.

But behold!
You have not been convincing to lyowb.
You are not answering his words.

Job 32:13 Lest you say,
'We have discovered wisdom.',
YAHWEH drives away, not a man.

Job 32:14 But he has not set words
in order toward me.
And with your speeches I will not respond to him.
Job 32:15 They have broken down.
They have not answered him.
Words have departed from them.

Job 32:16 But I have waited
Indeed, they will not speak.
Indeed, they have stood still.
They have responded no more.

Job 32:17 I will respond, even I Myself,
with my portion!
I will reveal my discernment, even I myself!

Job 32:18 Indeed, I am filled with words!
The breath has been constrained within my belly!
Job 32:19 Behold!
My belly is like wines not opened!

It will burst like new wineskins.

Job 32:20 I will speak
and I will get my relief!
I will open wide my lips
and I will respond!

Job 32:21 Now, I will not show partiality to anyone
and I will not flatter a human being.
Job 32:22 Indeed, I have not known titles of honor.
In a little while The One making me
would take me away!

Chapter 33

Job 33:1 "Therefore, Iyowb,
please listen attentively to my discourse
and pay attention to all my words.

Job 33:2 Behold now!
I will open my mouth.
My tongue in my mouth has spoken.
Job 33:3 My words are of
the uprightness of my heart.
My lips will speak knowledge clearly.

Job 33:4 The breath of **YAHWEH** has made me,
and the breath of The Almighty quickens me.

Job 33:5 If you are able, respond to me!
Set *things* in order before my face!
Station yourself!

Job 33:6 Behold!
I myself am *acting* as your mouth to **YAHWEH**!
From the clay I have been formed,
even I myself.
*Elihu appears to suggest
he is acting as **YAHWEH** Himself
on Iyowb's behalf.
What he says is to be taken
as though it is **YAHWEH** speaking to Iyowb.*

Job 33:7 Behold!
Fear of me should not frighten you.
And my pressure upon you will not be heavy.

Job 33:8 However,
you have spoken within my hearing.
And to the sound of words I listen attentively.
*The context suggests this should be
in the passive voice, have listened".
The Hebrew text is in the active voice.
What follows is an apparent quotation,
repeating what Iyowb has said.*

Job 33:9 'I myself am pure, without rebellion,
I am innocent and I have no moral perversity.
Job 33:10 Behold!
He finds pretexts against me!
He regards me as an adversary to Him!
Job 33:11 He places my feet in the stocks!
He watches over all my paths!'

Job 33:12 Behold!
In this you have not been just!
I will answer you.
Indeed, **YAHWEH** is greater than a mortal!

Job 33:13 Why have you contended against Him?
Indeed, He will not respond for all His words!

Job 33:14 Indeed, at the first **YAHWEH** will speak,
even at the second.
One does not perceive it.

Job 33:15 In a dream, a vision of the night
as deep sleep falls upon men,
as they are slumbering upon a bed,
Job 33:16 then He opens the ears of men.
And with their instruction He seals it
Job 33:17 for the sake of turning man
aside from his work.
And He covers pride from man.

Job 33:18 He restrains his life from a pit,
and his life from passing over against a sword.
Job 33:19 And he causes him to be corrected
by anguish on his bed,
even the permanent strife of his bones.

Job 33:20 And his life loathes bread,
and his inner being desirable food.
Job 33:21 His flesh wastes away, out of sight
and his bones which were not seen stick out.
Job 33:22 And his life draws near to a pit,
even his existence to those causing death.

Job 33:23 If there is a messenger beside him,
a messenger, one among a thousand,
for the sake of declaring to him his uprightness,
Job 33:24 then He will show favor to him.
And He will say,
'Exempt him from going down to a pit!
I have discovered a ransom.'

Job 33:25 His flesh will be fresher than a child's.
He will return to the days of his youth.
Job 33:26 He will request favor of **YAHWEH**,
and He will accept him.
And he will see His face with a joyful shout.
And He will restore to a mortal his justness.

Job 33:27 He will gaze upon men.
And he will say, 'I have offended,
and I have twisted what is right
but it did not benefit me.'

Job 33:28 He has ransomed my life
from passing over into a pit.
And my life will look on the light.'

Job 33:29 Behold!
YAHWEH does all these two times,
three times with a man,
Job 33:30 for the sake of turning back
his life from a pit,
for the sake of being enlightened
with the light of the living.

Job 33:31 Pay attention, lyowb!
Listen attentively to me!
Keep silent, and I will speak!

Job 33:32 If there are words, respond to me.
Speak, because I have desired to justify you!
33:33 If not, you yourself **nx**, listen attentively to me!
Be silent, and I will teach you wisdom."

Chapter 34

34:1 And Elihu responded.
Job And he said,
Job 34:2 "Listen attentively to my words, wise *ones*!
And those having knowledge, give ear to me!
Job 34:3 Indeed, the ear tests discourses
like the palate tastes food.

Job 34:4 May we choose judgment for us.

May we know among us what is good.

Job 34:5 Indeed, Iyowb has said,
'I am just,
but **YAHWEH** has turned aside my judgment.
Job 34:6 Would I lie concerning my judgment?
My wound is incurable, without rebellion.'

Job 34:7 What man is like Iyowb?
He drinks derision like water.
Job 34:8 And he travels in company
with those doing worthlessness.
And he walks with men of moral wrong.
Job 34:9 Indeed, he has said,
'It does not benefit a man
on account of his delight with **YAHWEH**.'

Job 34:10 For this reason, men of heart,
listen attentively to me!
Far be **YAHWEH** from moral wrong,
even The Almighty from moral evil.

Job 34:11 Indeed, the work of a human being
He will repay to him.
And according to his paths
he will cause him to find.

Job 34:12 **Indeed it is certain,**
YAHWEH does not do wrong,
and The Almighty does not pervert judgment.

Job 34:13 Who has given Him
responsibility for the earth?
And who has established the world, all of it?

Job 34:14 If He places His heart toward it
He can gather to Himself His wind and His breath.
Job 34:15 All flesh will expire altogether.
And a human being will return to dust.

Job 34:16 And if *there is* understanding,
listen attentively to this!
Extend an ear to the sound of my words!

Job 34:17 Also, one hating judgment,
is he to govern?
Or if a mighty one is just,
will you condemn him?

Job 34:18 Who will say to a king, 'Worthless one!',
to nobles, 'Morally wrong one!'?

Job 34:19 Who is not partial to leaders,
and does not regard the rich more than the poor?

Indeed, they are all the work of His hands.
Job 34:20 In a moment they die.
In the middle of the night the people are shaken.
Then they pass away.
Even the mighty are turned aside without a hand.

Job 34:21 **Indeed,**
His eyes are on the ways of a man.
And He sees all his steps.

Job 34:22 There is no darkness nor deep shadow
for those doing worthlessness to be hidden there.

Job 34:23 Indeed, He does not place upon a man
an appointed time to come before **YAHWEH**
on account of judgment.

Job 34:24 He shatters the mighty with no examination,

and He causes others to stand up in their places.
Job 34:25 According to this,
He causes their works to be known.
And He will overturn *them* at night
and they themselves will be crushed.

Job 34:26 Instead of the morally wrong,
He will strike them in a place of seeing,
Job 34:27 those who concerning this
have turned aside from following Him.
And they have not regarded all His ways
Job 34:28 for the sake of causing the cry of the poor
to come to Him.
But to the cry of the afflicted He listens attentively.

Job 34:29 And He causes quietness.
But who can cause what is bad?
And He causes His face to be hidden.
Then who will see it?
And concerning a nation,
or concerning a human being alone,
Job 34:30 because of the reigning of a human being,
because of the snares of the people,
Job 34:31 indeed, to **YAHWEH** he has said,
'I have carried *it*.
I will not act corruptly.

Job 34:32 What I do not see
You Yourself **nx** will teach me.
If I have done moral wrong I will not do it again.'

Job 34:33 From what is with you will He repay it?
Indeed, you have refused!
Indeed, you yourself **nx** choose, and not I myself.
And what you have known, speak!

Job 34:34 Men of heart will say to me,
even a wise man who is listening attentively to me,
Job 34:35 'Iyowb does not speak with knowledge
and his words are with no wisdom.'

Job 34:36 Oh that Iyowb would be tested until forever
since his responses are like men of worthlessness!
Job 34:37 Indeed, he causes rebellion
to be added to his offense.
He claps his hands among us
and he multiplies his words against **YAHWEH**."

Chapter 35

Job 35:1 And Elihu responded.
And he said,
Job 35:2 "Is this what you
have regarded as judgment?
You have said,
'My justness is more than *that of* **YAHWEH**'?

Job 35:3 Indeed, you say, 'What benefit is it to You?
How am I caused to benefit
more than from an offense?'

Job 35:4 I myself will respond to you yourself **nx**
and your friends with you.

Job 35:5 Look to the skies and see!
And observe the clouds.
They are higher than you.

Job 35:6 If you offend,
what do you do against Him?
And *if* your rebellions are many
what will you do to Him?
Job 35:7 If you are just,
what do you give Him?

Or what does He receive from your hand?

Job 35:8 Your wrong is for a man like you,
and your justness for a son of a human being.

Job 35:9 Because of an abundance of oppressions
they cry out.
They cry out for help
because of the power of the mighty.

Job 35:10 But no one says,
'Where is **YAHWEH**, The One making me,
Who is giving songs in the night;
Job 35:11 *The One* teaching us
more than the animals of the earth,
and to be more wise than the birds of the skies?'

Job 35:12 There they cry out.
But He does not answer
because of the evil faces of the proud.

Job 35:13 However, it is deceit
that **YAHWEH** does not listen attentively
and *that* The Almighty
is not paying attention to it!

Job 35:14 Furthermore, you say
you do not observe Him.
Thee provision of justice is before His face,
and you are waiting for Him.

Job 35:15 And now because it is not so
He has visited His anger.
But He has not acknowledged it
as exceedingly great folly.

Job 35:16 And Iyowb opens his mouth in vain.
As one without knowledge he assembles words."

Chapter 36

Job 36:1 Then Elihu continued.
And he said,
Job 36:2 "Gather around toward me *for* a little
and I will reveal to you that there is more
to the words of **YAHWEH**.
Job 36:3 I will lift up my knowledge from afar
and to The One making me I will ascribe justness.

Job 36:4 Indeed assuredly, my words are not false.
One blameless of knowledge is with you.

Job 36:5 Behold!
YAHWEH is mighty, but He despises no one;
mighty, powerful of heart.

Job 36:6 He will not keep alive the morally wrong.
And He will grant judgment to the afflicted.
Job 36:7 He will not remove His eyes from the just,
or *from kings themselves* **nx** on a throne.
And He causes them to sit forever.
And they are exalted.

Job 36:8 And if they are bound in shackles,
caught in the cords of affliction,
Job 36:9 then He declares to them their actions
and their rebellions.
Indeed, they behaved themselves arrogantly.
Job 36:10 And He exposes their ear for discipline.
And He says, 'Turn back from worthlessness!'

Job 36:11 If they listen attentively and serve
they will complete their days in goodness
and their years in delights.
Job 36:12 But if they do not listen attentively

they will perish by the sword
and they will expire without knowledge.

Job 36:13 But the defiled of heart establish anger.
They do not cry for help when He binds them.
Job 36:14 Their life dies in youth
and their life *dies* among the defiled.

Job 36:15 He rescues the afflicted in his affliction
and He exposes their ears in oppression.

Job 36:16 And surely He would have caused you
to be removed from the mouth of distress
to a broad place where there is no restraint
instead of it.
And what descends to your table
would be filled with fatness.

Job 36:17 But you have been filled
with the judgment of the morally wrong.
Justice and judgment take hold.

Job 36:18 Because of wrath *beware*,
lest it persuade you with an abundance.
Even a large ransom will not deliver you.

Job 36:19 Will He value your riches?
Not in distress,
even all the forces of *your* strength.

Job 36:20 Do not wait eagerly for the night,
for the sake of going up instead of *other* people.

Job 36:21 Be on guard!
You are not to turn to worthlessness.
Indeed, you have chosen this rather than affliction.

Job 36:22 Behold!
YAHWEH is exalted in His power.
Who can compare to Him as a teacher?
Job 36:23 Who has appointed His way?
And who has said, 'You have done moral wrong.'?

Job 36:24 Remember!
Indeed, you are to magnify His work
of which men have sung.
Job 36:25 Every human being has contemplated it.
A mortal observes from a distance.

Job 36:26 Behold!
YAHWEH is exalted!
And we do not know the number of His years.
And *there* is no searching of *Him*!

Job 36:27 Indeed, He draws up drops of water.
He purifies the rain as His mist
Job 36:28 which the clouds drip down
upon a human being abundantly.

Job 36:29 Also, can one understand
the spreadings of the clouds,
the tumult of His temporary dwelling?

Job 36:30 Behold!
He has spread out His light upon it
and He has covered the depths of the sea.

Job 36:31 Indeed, with these He judges peoples.
He causes food to increase.

Job 36:32 Within the hollow of the hands
He conceals the light.
And He gives direction concerning it

by causing it to come between.

Job 36:33 Its noise declares its anger above it
to the livestock upon its ascending.

Chapter 37

Job 37:1 "Even at this my heart trembles
and it leaps from its place.

Job 37:2 Listen attentively!
Listen attentively to the agitation of His voice
and to the rumbling coming from His mouth.

Job 37:3 Beneath all the skies He lets it loose,
and His lightning to the extremities of the earth.
Job 37:4 After it a sound roars.
He causes it to thunder with the sound of His majesty
and He does not hold them back
when His voice is heard.

Job 37:5 The El thunders with His voice,
doing great extraordinary things,
but no one knows.

Job 37:6 Indeed, He says to the snow,
'Exist upon the earth!'
Also to the gentle rain,
and to the rain of His strength.
Job 37:7 He impresses it upon the hand
of every human being
for the sake of all men knowing His work.

Job 37:8 Even the animal goes into its lair
and they settle down in their dwelling places.

Job 37:9 From its chamber comes the stormy wind,
and cold from the north.
Job 37:10 From the breath of **YAHWEH**
frost is given,
and the expanse of waters is hardened.

Job 37:11 Also, He causes the thick cloud
to be overburdened with moisture.
He causes the cloud to scatter His light
Job 37:12 and He causes it to turn all around itself
by His counsel,
for the sake of them doing
everything He directs them
above the face of the habitable earth.

Job 37:13 Whether as a rod,
or for the sake of His land,
or for the sake of kindness,
He causes it to be discovered.

Job 37:14 Listen attentively to this, lyowb!
Stand still and consider
the extraordinary acts of **YAHWEH**!

Job 37:15 Do you know when
YAHWEH placed them above us
and caused the light of His cloud to shine?

Job 37:16 Do you know about
the balancings of the clouds,
the wondrous works of perfect knowledge?

Job 37:17 Why are your garments hot
when the earth is caused to be quiet from the south?

Job 37:18 Did you, with Him,
hammer out the firmament,
strong as cast glass?

This verse reflects the Hebrew view
of the "arch of the sky"
as a firm dome over the face of the earth.
It's this concept that appears in Genesis
in the story of the creation.

Job 37:19 Cause us to know
what we are to say to Him!
We can not set *things* in order
because of the face of darkness.

Job 37:20 Will it be told to Him that I will speak?
If a man were to speak
surely he will be swallowed up!

Job 37:21 And now they will not see the bright light.
It is in the clouds.
But the wind will pass over.
And it will clear them.
Job 37:22 From the golden north it will arrive.

With **YAHWEH** is awesome majesty!
Job 37:23 The Almighty, we have not discovered Him.
Magnificent of power and justice
and abundant of justness!
He will not oppress!

Job 37:24 For this reason men revere Him.
He will not regard any who are wise of heart!"

Chapter 38

Job 38:1 Then **YAHWEH**
answered **lyowb himself** **nx**
out of the whirlwind.

And He said,
Job 38:2 "Who is this, the one
causing counsel to be darkened
by words without knowledge?

Job 38:3 Now, gird your loins like a man!
And I will ask you
and you are to cause Me to know.

Job 38:4 Where were you at My laying
of the foundations of the earth?
Declare if you have known understanding.

Job 38:5 Who established its measurements?
Surely you know?
Or who stretched out the line upon it?
Job 38:6 Upon what were its pedestals sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone
Job 38:7 as the morning stars sang for joy together
and all the sons of The Elohim shouted for joy?

Job 38:8 And *who* covered the sea with doors
as it burst forth?
From the womb it came out,
Job 38:9 at My placing the cloud, its garment,
even the thick cloud, its swaddling band.

Job 38:10 And I *appointed* over it My decree.
And I placed *its* bars and doors.
Job 38:11 And I said,
'As far as this you may come, but no farther.'
And, 'Here your majestic waves are restricted.'?

Job 38:12 Have you ever in your days
given direction to the morning
or caused the dawn to know its place:
Job 38:13 to take hold on the extremities of the earth
so that the morally wrong will be shaken out of it;

Job 38:14 to turn itself over like the clay of a seal;
or to station themselves like a garment.

Job 38:15 Even their light is to be withheld
from the morally wrong
and an arm lifted up is to be broken.

Job 38:16 Have you gone to the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked yourself
on a search of the depths?

Job 38:17 Have the gates of death
been revealed to you
or have you seen the gates
of the deepest darkness?

Job 38:18 Have you comprehended
the expanse of the earth?
Declare *it* if you have known, all of it!

Job 38:19 Where is this,
the way to where light dwells?
And the darkness, where is this, its place?
Job 38:20 Indeed, take it to its boundary!
Then, indeed, you will know the paths to its home!

Job 38:21 Do you know?
Surely then you had been born
and the number of your days was many!

Job 38:22 Have you entered into
the storehouses of the snow?
Or have you seen the storehouses of hail
Job 38:23 which I have reserved for the time of trouble,
for the day of war and battle?

Job 38:24 Where is this,
the way that light has been divided,
or the east wind caused to scatter over the earth?

Job 38:25 Who split a channel for the deluge,
or paths for the sound of the lightning
Job 38:26 for the sake of causing the rain to fall
on ground with no human being,
a wilderness with no human being in it,
Job 38:27 for the sake of satisfying
desolations and ruins
and for the sake of causing
the seeds of grass to sprout?

Job 38:28 Is there a father for the rain?
Or who has caused the drops of dew to be born?
Job 38:29 From whose belly does the ice come?
And who gave birth to the frost of the skies?
Job 38:30 The waters are concealed as if by stone
and the face of the deep is frozen.

Job 38:31 Can you bind the bands of The Pleiades
or loosen the cords of Orion?

Job 38:32 Can you cause The Mazzeroth
to go forth at its season?

Or can you guide Arcturus with her sons?

The Mazzeroth is what we would call The Zodiac.
In Hebrew culture it plays a very significant role,
but it is totally contrary
to our traditional use of it for 'The horoscope'.

It tells a story by means of the descriptions
of the various sections of it.
It tells the story of the birth of a child to a virgin,
The Lion of The Tribe of Yahudah.

Arcturus is 'The Bear', Ursula major.

Job 38:33 Do you know the rules of the skies?
Or can you establish their dominion over the earth?
Job 38:34 Can you cause the clouds
to be lifted up with your voice?
Does an abundance of waters cover you?
Job 38:35 Can you send out the lightnings?
And will they go?
And will they say to you, 'Here we are!'?

Job 38:36 Who has set wisdom in the inward parts?
Or who has given understanding to the heart?

Job 38:37 Who can count the clouds with wisdom?
And the bottles of the skies,
who causes them to lie down
Job 38:38 when the dust hardens to a mass
and the clods cling together?

Job 38:39 Can you hunt prey for the lion
or satisfy the life of the young lions
Job 38:40 as they crouch in dens,
sit in the cover of their hiding place for an ambush?

Job 38:41 Who prepares game for the raven
when its young ones cry out for help to **YAHWEH**,
as they wander about without food?

Chapter 39

Job 39:1 "Do you know the time
mountain goats bear young?
Do you watch over the deer giving birth,
Job 39:2 the number of months they complete?
Or do you know the time of their bringing forth?

Job 39:3 They crouch.
They bring forth their young.
They send away their labor pains.
Job 39:4 Their young ones become strong.
They grow up in the field.
They go forth and do not return to them.

Job 39:5 Who sent out free the wild ass?
And the bonds of the wild ass, who opened *them*?

Job 39:6 For whom have I placed
the desert as his home
and the barren waste as his dwellings?
Job 39:7 He laughs at the noise of the city.
He does not hear the shouts of the driver.
Job 39:8 The range of the mountains is his pasture
and he searches for everything green.

Job 39:9 Will the wild ox be willing to serve you
or spend the night beside your manger?

Job 39:10 If you bind the wild ox
in a furrow *with* its rope
will he plow the valleys behind you?
Job 39:11 Will you trust him
because of his great strength?
Or will you abandon your labor to him?
Job 39:12 Will you trust him to return your seed
and gather it to your threshing floor?

Job 39:13 The wings of the ostrich flap wildly
but are they *like* the pinions and plumage of a stork?
Job 39:14 Indeed, she abandons her eggs
on the ground and she warms them in the dust.
Job 39:15 But she forgets that a foot can crush them
or an animal of the wild can trample them.
Job 39:16 She treats her offspring harshly,
as if not her own.
Her labor is for nothing, with no fear

Job 39:17 because **YAHWEH** has caused her
to forget wisdom,
and He has not apportioned to her understanding.
Job 39:18 At a time when she lifts herself up
she laughs at the horse and its rider.

Job 39:19 Have you given the horse strength?
Have you clothed his neck with a mane?
Job 39:20 Can you make him leap like a locust?
Majestic is his snorting, terrifying.
Job 39:21 He paws in a valley
and he rejoices in strength.
He goes forth to encounter weapons.
Job 39:22 He laughs at terror
and he will not be frightened
and he will not turn back from the sword.
Job 39:23 The quiver rattles beside him,
a glittering spear and lance.
Job 39:24 With fierceness and rage
he swallows the ground.
And he is not to be trusted when the shofar sounds.
Job 39:25 As often as the shofar sounds
he says, 'Aha!'
And from afar he senses the battle,
the thunder of the captains,
and the shout of alarm.

Job 39:26 Is the hawk caused to fly by your wisdom,
spreading out its wings toward the south?
Job 39:27 or at your command
will the eagle mount up and nest
when he is lifted up?
Job 39:28 He dwells on a cliff
and he lodges on a projection of the cliff,
even a stronghold.
Job 39:29 From there he searches out prey.
His eyes look intently from afar.
Job. 39:30 And his young suck up the blood.
And according to where the slain are, there *is* he."

Chapter 40

Job 40:1 Then **YAHWEH**
answered **lyowb himself nx**.

And He said,
Job 40:2 "Will one being rebuked
contend with The Almighty?

The one rebuking **YAHWEH** will answer to Him."
*This is different than traditional translations.
The context must serve as our guide here
since the Hebrew text is somewhat unclear.
The tense of the first verb
appears to have been altered from the original.*

*lyowb is being rebuked.
That's clear from the context.
What's being asked here
is whether such a person has a valid right
to contend with The Almighty Himself
under those circumstances.*

*The text suggests it is not to be so,
and the one being rebuked
must answer for his arguing with The Almighty.*

Job 40:3 And lyowb responded
to **YAHWEH Himself nx**.
And he said,
Job 40:4 "Behold!
I am insignificant!
How can I reply to You?
I have placed my hand to my mouth!
Job 40:5 Once I have spoken,
but I can not respond.

Even twice, but I will not do it again!"

Job 40:6 Then **YAHWEH** responded
to lyowb himself nx out of the whirlwind.
And He said,
Job 40:7 "Now, gird your loins like a man!
I will ask you,
and you, cause Me to know!

Job 40:8 Will you even annul My judgment?
Will you cause Me to be declared wrong
in order that you be *declared* just?

Job 40:9 And is your arm like *that of* **YAHWEH**?
Or can you cause thunder with a voice like His?

Job 40:10 Adorn yourself now
with majesty and grandeur
and put on splendor and magnificence!

Job 40:11 Scatter the wrath of your anger!
And look at every proud one,
then cause him to be humiliated!
Job 40:12 Look at every proud one!
Cause him to be subdued!
Then cause the morally wrong
to be trampled under them!
Job 40:13 Conceal them in the dust together!
Wrap their faces tightly in a secret place!

Job 40:14 Then even I Myself will confess to you
that your own right hand
can cause you to be delivered.

Job 40:15 Behold now the behemoth
which I made beside you!
He eats grass like an ox.
Job 40:16 Behold now!
His strength is in his loins
and his power is in the navel of his belly.
Job 40:17 He bends his tail like a cedar.
The sinews of his thighs are woven together.
Job 40:18 His bones are *like* tubes of copper.
His ribs *are* like bars of iron.

Job 40:19 He is the foremost of the ways of **YAHWEH**.
The One making him approaches with His sword.

Job 40:20 Indeed, the mountains bear food for him
and all the animals of the field play there.
Job 40:21 He lies down under the lotus plants,
in a cover of reeds and marsh.
Job 40:22 The lotus plants cover him with their shade.
The willows of the wadi surround him.

Job 40:23 Behold!
If a river overflows he is not startled.
He is confident when The Yarden
bursts forth toward his mouth.
40:24 In his eyes he captures it.
His nose curses at snares.

Chapter 41

[Chapter 40 continues here in the Hebrew text.](#)

Job 41:1(H 40.25)
"Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook,
or cause his his tongue
to be held down with a rope?
Job 41:2 (H 40.26)
Will you place a rope on his nose

or pierce his jaw with a thorn?
Job 41:3 (H 40.27)
Will he make numerous requests for favor to you
or speak gently to you?
Job 41:4 (H 40.28)
Will he cut a covenant with you
to take him as a servant to eternity?
Job 41:5 (H 40.29)
Will you play with him as with a bird,
or bind him for the sake of your young girls?

Job 41:6 (H 40.30)
Partners bargain concerning him.
They divide him among the merchants.

Job 41:7 (H 40.31)
Will you pierce his skin with spears,
or his head with fishing spears?
Job 41:8 (H 40.32)
Place your hand on him!
Remember the battle!
You will not do it again!

[Chapter 41 begins here in the Hebrew text.](#)

Job 41:9 (H 41.1)
Behold!
His expectation will be false.
Will he *not* be overwhelmed
even at the sight of him?

Job 41:10 (H 41.2)
No one is fierce when he is awake.
And he will not stand himself before his face.

Job 41.11 (H 41.3)
Who has confronted Me and is safe?

Whatever is beneath the skies, it is Mine!

Job 41:12 (H 41.4)
I will not be silent concerning his parts,
nor the power of his speech,
nor his comely proportion.

Job 41:13 (H 41.5)
Who has removed the surface of his clothing?
Who will come *to him* with a double bridle?
Job 41:14 (H 41.6)
Who will open the doors of his face?
All around *are* his frightening teeth.

Job 41:15 (H 41.7)
Majestic streams of shields having been shut
form a tight seal.

Job 41:16 (H 41.8)
One against another they draw near.
Even a wind can not enter between them.
Job 41:17 (H 41.9)
They are joined one to another.
They hold themselves together
and they do not separate themselves.

Job 41:18 (H 41.10)
His snortings cause light to shine,
and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
Job 41:19 (H 41.11)
Out of his mouth go torches.
Sparks of fire escape.
Job 41:20 (H 41.12)
Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth
like a boiling pot having been fanned with bulrushes.
Job 41:21 (H 41.13)

His essence *is* blazing coals.
And flame goes forth from his mouth.

Job 41:22 (H 41.14)
Strength resides in his neck.
And dismay leaps before his face.

Job 41:23 (H 41.15)
The folds of his flesh cling together.
They are firm upon him.
They can not be moved.
Job 41:24 (H 41.16)
His heart has been hardened like stone,
even as hard as the lower *millstone*.

Job 41:25 (H 41.17)
Because of his height the mighty turn aside.
Because of his destructions they defile themselves.
There are difficulties with this verse.
The term for height can mean exaltedness,
lift up self, elevation, etc.
Height seems likely
since this is apparently a large creature (a dinosaur?).

*The last line uses **chata**.*
It means to miss the mark; (generally) to sin (offend).
This term conveys a very important concept
in Hebrew culture related to defilement.
A defiled one was not permitted
*in the presence of **YAHWEH** (or His Temple).*

Here it carries a sense of "soiling themselves",
which means they are defiled by that soiling.

Job 41:26 (H 41.18)
One overtaking him with a sword will not stand firm,
nor with spear, dart, or lance.
Job 41:27 (H 41.19)
He regards iron as straw,
copper as rotten wood.
Job 41:28 (H 41.20)
An arrow will not cause him to flee.
Sling stones are as stubble, overturned by him.
Job 41:29 (H 41.21)
Clubs are regarded as straw
and he laughs at the shaking of a spear.

Job 41:30 (H 41.22)
Under him are sharp points.
He spreads out eagerly upon the mire.
Job 41:31 (H 41.23)
He causes the deep to boil like a pot.
He established the sea as a pot of ointment.
Job 41:32 (H 41.24)
He causes the path to shine behind him.
He considers the deep for the sake of old age.

Job 41:33 (H 41.25)
Nothing above the dust is like him,
the one having been made without dread.
Job 41:34 (H 41.26)
Everything *itself* **nx** that is exalted He sees.
He is king over all the children of pride."

Chapter 42

Job 42:1 Then lyowb *himself* **nx**
responded to **YAHWEH**.
And he said,
Job 42:2 "You know that You are able to do everything
and no thought can be withheld from You.
Job 42:3 Who is this,
causing counsel to be concealed without knowledge?

According to this I have expounded.

But I have not understood,
being *that* extraordinary things are greater than me
and I have not known *them*.

Job 42:4 Listen attentively, please!
Then I will speak.
I will ask You.
Then You will cause it to be known to me.'

Job 42:5 By the listening of the ear I have heard of You.
But now my eye sees You.

Job 42:6 For this reason I despise myself
and I repent in dust and ashes!"

Job 42:7 And it was after **YAHWEH** had spoken
these words *themselves* **nx** to Iyowb.

And **YAHWEH** said to Eliphaz the Temanite,
"My wrath has been kindled against you
and against your two friends
because you have not spoken concerning Me
what is established like My servant Iyowb!

Job 42:8 And now, take for yourself
seven bulls and seven rams
and go to My servant Iyowb
and cause an olah to ascend on behalf of yourselves.
And Iyowb, My servant,
will cause himself to intercede concerning you.

Indeed, unless I accept his face
I will deal with you disgracefully
because you have not spoken concerning Me
what is established like My servant Iyowb."
*olah - an offering consumed entirely into smoke.
Traditionally, a 'burnt offering'.
It signifies total surrender on the part
of the one presenting the offering.*

Job 42:9 And Eliphaz the Temanite,
and Bildad the Shuhite,
Tzophar the Na'amathite went.
And they did according to
what **YAHWEH** had directed.

And **YAHWEH** accepted the face *itself* **nx** of Iyowb.

Job 42:10 And **YAHWEH** turned back
the captivity *itself* **nx** of Iyowb
when he interceded himself on behalf of his friends.

And **YAHWEH** added to everything *itself* **nx**
that was Iyowb's double.

Job 42:11 And all his brothers,
and all his sisters,
and all those who had been his friends
came to him as before.
And they and ate food with him in his house.
And they shook their heads in sympathy for him.
And they comforted he *himself* **nx**
concerning all the harm
which **YAHWEH** had caused concerning him.
And each one gave to him a piece of silver,
and each man one ring of gold.

Job 42:12 And **YAHWEH** blessed
the latter end *itself* **nx** of Iyowb
more than his beginning.

And he had fourteen thousand sheep,
and six thousand camels,

and one thousand yoke of oxen,
and one thousand female asses.

Job 42:13 And there was to him seven sons
and three daughters.

Job 42:14 And he called
the name of the first Ymiymah,
and the name of the second Ketsi'ah,
and the name of the third Keren-Happuk.
Ymiymah means warm, affectionate.
Ketsi'ah means cassia, similar to cinnamon.
Keren-Happuk means horn of colors.

Job 42:15 And there was not found women
in all the earth one as beautiful
as the daughters of Iyowb.
And their father gave an inheritance to them
among their brothers.

Job 42:16 And Iyowb lived after this
one hundred and forty years.
And he saw his children themselves **תא**
and his grandchildren themselves **תא**,
four generations.

Job 42:17 And Iyowb died,
old and satisfied of days.