**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 100**

**G.’ The Answer of the LORD to Job (38:1-39:30)**

**I. What Knowledge do you have? (38:1-41)**

 **A. The Challenge (vv. 1-3)**

 **B. The Creation (vv. 4-41)**

 **1. The Foundations (vv. 4-7)**

 **2. The Seas (vv. 8-11)**

 **3. The Dawn (vv. 12-15)**

 **4. The Deep (vv 16-18)**

 **5. The Heavens (vv 19-30)**

 **6. The Authority over Heaven (vv. 31-33)**

 **7. The Authority over Earth (vv. 34-38)**

 **8. The Animals (vv. 39-41)**

**PREMISE:** Jehovah answered Job and challenged him about the knowledge of God and His creation. If Job can’t explain the basics of creation how can he understand the Lord’s working in his life (Jn. 3:12). If Christians or infidels can’t get past Gen. 1:1, then there will be no further absolute knowledge about physical or spiritual realms (Big Bang or Infinite Universe with time? Really!)

**B. The Creation (vv. 4-41) > Cf. Gen. 1:1-19; Ps. 104:1 ff.; Isa. 40:12 ff.**

 **1. The Realm of Earth (vv. 4-6) >** Upon building a house for man!

a. The Interrogative #1 (v. 4a) > *“Where…when I laid the foundations”*

1) You are interested in God’s creation of you as a *“new creature”* (II Cor. 5:17)?

 2) Are you interested in God’s creation of the cosmos?

 b. The Imperative (v. 4b) > *“Declare” >* where were you when you were born again?

 c. The Intelligence (v. 4c) > Job would have had access to the book of Adam (Gen. 5:1).

d. The Interrogative #2 (v. 5a) > *“Who hath laid the measures thereof”* > Who gave instruments of measurement to the earth?

e. The Interrogative #3 (v. 5b) > *“who hath stretched the line”* > Who used instruments of measurement?

 f. The Interrogative #4 (v. 6a) > *“Whereupon are the foundations …fastened” (*Job 26:7)!

 g. The Interrogative #5 > (v. 6b) > *“who laid the corner stone?”* (cf. Eph. 2:20-22).

 **2. The Realm of Heaven (v. 7)**

 a. The Names > Lucifer (Isa. 14:12)

1) The Morning Stars > *cocav boqer >* created early in day (cf. Ezra 3:10-11)

 2) The Sons of God > *beney `elohiym >* created by God (Gen. 6:2, 4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7).

 b. The Nature

 1) Host (Gen. 2:1)

 2) Ministry (Heb. 1:12)

 3) Number (Heb 12:22-23)

 4) Morality (II Pet. 2:4; Jude 1:14)

5) Fall (Rev. 6:13; 9:1 ff.; 12:4 ff.)

 6) Destiny (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 18:2; 20:1-3)

 7) Stewardships

 a) Over Wind (Rev. 7:1)

 b) Over Fire (Rev. 14:18)

 c) Over Water (Rev. 16:4-5; cf. Jn. 5:4)

 d) Over Sun (Rev. 19:17)

**CONCLUSION: Job was a Creationist and knew basic revelatory truths. The Lord moved from head to heart!**