**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 105**

**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)

**I.’ What Knowledge do you have? (39:1-30)**

A. The Challenge (v. 1a [cf. 38:1-3)

**B. The Creation (vv. 1b-30)**

**1. The Animals on the Surface (vv. 1b-25)**

a. The Goats (vv. 1b-4)

b. The Wild Ass (vv. 5-8)

c. The Unicorn (vv. 9-12)

**d. The Peacocks and Ostrich (vv. 13-18)**

e. The Horse (vv. 19-25)

2. The Animals in the Sky (vv. 26-30)

a. The Hawk (v. 26)

b. The Eagle (vv. 27-30)

**PREMISE: Again, Jehovah challenged proud Job about what did he really know of the infinite Jehovah and His creation? Moreover, what did he know about the Lord’s love for him and what was the best way of dealing with His choice servant! He wants believers to forsake their pride in all areas (person, possessions, positions, etc.)! He deals differently with His saints!**

**B. The Creation (vv. 1b-30) >** Gen. 2:19-20, 3:1, 14

***1. The Animals on the Surface (vv. 1b-25)*** > Gen. 1:20-25

**d. The Peacocks and Ostrich (vv. 13-18)**

1) The Peacocks (v. 13a)

a) The rare word *`alas* refers to the bird peacock because of the beauty of wings.

b) The peacock and ostrich have contrasting wings: big and beautiful vs. small and useless.

c) *ESV:* “The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and plumage of love?” > This is a fowl rendering!

2) The Ostrich (vv. 13b-18) > Her wings and feathers not suited for beauty nor flight!

a) Her Inconsideration (vv. 14-15)

(1) Her Careless Character (v. 14) > eggs left in dust for sun to warm and hatch > Ps. 84:3

(2) Her Careless Conduct (v. 15) > accidental or purposeful destruction

b) Her Ignorance (vv. 16-17)

(1) Her Lack of Dutiful Affection > *astorgos* > (Rom. 1:31; II Tim. 3:3)

(2) Her Lack of Divine Acknowledgement > no God-given innate wisdom or understanding! > Job 38:41.

a’) Her Inconsideration (v. 18)

(1) Her Self-centeredness > lifts up > springs up

(2) Her Scornfulness > *sachaq* (36x) > *laugh* > Isaac (Gen. 18:13, 15).

**CONCLUSION: Jehovah deals with and takes care of His creation in innumerable ways, including His saints. Whether you are a Peacock or an Ostrich, a Darling or a Dolt, the Lord has a loving plan for your Good (Rom.8:28).**

**The Preservation of Ostrich Eggs and Scripture**

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**Introduction**

Jehovah excoriated the perfect and upright Job with the question *“Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?”* (Job 38:2). He asked the man of God with a series of questions that left Job dumbfounded. One series of rebukes dealt with the ostrich and her eggs. God queried, saying, *“Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear; Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider”* (Job 39:13-18). The point of the passage is that the ostrich does not care about that which should be very important to her. The ostrich is a poor parent. She is unconcerned about the welfare of her offspring by leaving and forgetting her eggs, hardened in her attitude, and “flies” away. In spite of her lack of wisdom and understanding, the ostrich is not extinct, but preserved through the centuries by the Lord! Many of us are not around the ostrich or think of the creature regularly. Nevertheless, we are thankful that the Lord cares sufficiently about the bird that He has preserved her lineage through the ages! What else does the Lord Jesus Christ care about and has preserved through the ages?

Certainly the LORD cares about His creation and creatures, including animals and mankind. But God also cares about the preservation of His inspired Scriptures! Just as the wisest of the wise sages in the past, such as Job, needed a reminder about God’s care for the ostrich egg, so the highly esteemed Bible “Scholars” and Text Critics from the elitist seminaries in America and Europe need a reminder about that for which Jehovah God cares and preserves! Doctor Text Critic, do you “*darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge*”? Where are your Bible verses, whether in the Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek, which say “thou shalt **not** keep them,” or “heaven and earth shall pass away and **so will my words**”? Or which say, “Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast **not** founded them for ever”? Or which say, “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth **not** for ever”? The Text Critics behind the Critical Text of the New Testament and the consequent weak modern versions such as the *NAS, NIV, NET*, or the darling *ESV*, have no biblical foundation postulating that God did not preserve His Words and that He needed Text Critics to restore what He purposefully did not preserve! How did the LORD preserve a portion of His words which Jeremiah threw in the Euphrates (Jer. 51:62-64), for example?

Mr. world-renown Bible Scholar and Text Critic, you would not know definitively that the Lord cares for the ostrich egg and has preserved her lineage without reading this truth in the perfectly preserved Scripture. Likewise, you would not know that the Lord has promised to preserve His words forever without the abundant scriptural promises. Since you have rejected these Bible promises, you are further down in darkness than ancient Job! What do you think about that?