**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 99**

**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)**

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

 **A. The Challenge (vv. 1-2)**

 **B. The Creation (vv. 3-30)**

 **1. The Animals of the Surface (vv. 3-25)**

 **a. The Goats (vv. 3-4)**

 **b. The Wild Donkey (vv. 5-8)**

 **c. The Unicorn (vv. 9-12)**

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

 **e. The Horse (vv. 19-25)**

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

 **a. The Hawk (v. 26)**

 **b. The Eagle (vv. 27-30)**

**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. No one can put Jehovah in a box (I Tim. 6:15-16).

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

 A. The Challenge (vv. 1-3)

 1. The Entrance of the LORD

 a. Whirlwind > *sa`ar* (24x)

 b. Examples

 1) Ezk. 1:4

 2) Nah. 1:3

 3) Zech. 9:14

 2. The Examination by the LORD

 a. Who darkeneth counsel? Job 42:3

 b. Who “words without knowledge”? > Job 35:16

 3. The Expectation for the LORD

a. Gird up loins > cf. Job 40:7. It means to tuck one’s tunic in one’s belt for action (cf. also II Kings 4:29; 9:1; Jer. 1:17; I Pet. 1:13).

 b. *Geber* man > *“stronger than lions”* (II Sam. 1:23)

c. Give account > demand an answer > God responded to Job’s challenge (Job 9:34; 13:3; 23:3 ff.)

**CONCLUSION: Job was a believer in the LORD and knew he would see the resurrected Redeemer. He wanted to know why he suffered as a righteous man. The Lord led him to understand his self-pride (I Jn. 2:16)! Job’s suffering was not about retribution but about self-exam of self-righteousness!**

Basic Non-Biblical Views on Origin of “Universe”

1. **Big Bang** > something exploded! Where did initial material come from? (speed of light instantaneous)

2. **Black Hole debris** > Where did initial material come from?

3. **Many Big Bangs** > multiple universes > Where did initial material come from?

4. **Infinite Universe** > how to measure time in infinity?

**Science** is observation and **scientific method** requires measurement, experimentation, and repetition.

**Uniformitarianism** > “all things continue as they were” (II Pet. 3:4)

**See Ps. 104:1-4**

Adam had to name the animals > back of neck (33x) *`oreph > goreph >giraffe*

1. Carnivorous

2. Herbivorous

3. birds of prey

4. scavenger birds

5. extinct

6. wild goat

7. hind

8. wild ass

9. peacock

10. ostrich

11. hawk

12. grasshopper