**Yahweh’s Inquiries of Job**

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   * + 1. **38:2** Who is this darkening counsel by words without knowledge?
       2. **38:3** *Now gird up your loins like a strong man, and I will question you and you show Me.*
       3. 38:4-39:29 Yahweh’s questions/descriptions concerning His creation – 11 (+7)
       4. 38:20 Yahweh’s irony about Job’s knowledge based on his great age
2. 38:21-39:29 Yahweh’s questions/descriptions concerning His creation – 29 (+24)
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4. 40:10-13 Yahweh’s ironies concerning Job as His equal – 10
5. 40:14 Then also I will confess to you that your own right hand can save you.
6. 40:15-23 Yahweh’s descriptions of Behemoth
7. 40:24-41: 9 Yahweh’s questions concerning Behemoth/Leviathan – 6 (+11)
8. 41:10-11 Yahweh’s rhetorical questions as to who may excel Him – 2 (+1)
9. 41:13-14a Yahweh’s questions concerning Leviathan – 3
10. 41:14b-34 Yahweh’s descriptions of Leviathan
11. ***42:1*** *Then Job answered Yahweh and said…*

**42:2-6** “Who is this hiding counsel without knowledge?”, “*I will question you and you show Me*.” Job repeated Yahweh’s charge, then despised himself and repented on dust and ashes.

Who – *mîy* What – *mâh* Where – *‘êyphôh* Interr. part. - *ha*

sub – subordinate Q’s {irony – Y’s} context – contextual Q

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4 Where were you, when I laid the foundations of the earth?

5 Who set its measures? Who stretched out a line upon it?

6 Upon what were its bases sunk? Or who cast its corner-stone?

12 Have you commanded the morning since your days, sub(3)…?

16 Have you entered up to the springs of the sea, sub(1)…?

17 Have the gates of death uncovered themselves to you, sub(1)…?

18 Have you understood *the* expanse of *the* earth?

19-20 Where is the way that light dwells?

And darkness, where is its place, sub(2)…?

21 You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great! {irony}

22 Have you entered into the treasury of snow, sub(1)…?

24 Where is the way that light divides, sub(1)…?

25 Who divided a channel for the flood, sub(4)…?

28 Is there for rain a father? Or who begot drops of dew?

29 From whose womb came out the ice?

And frost of heavens – who begets it?

31 Do you bind the chains of Pleiades, or sub(1)…?

32 Do you bring out a constellation in its time, or sub(1)…?

33 Have you known statutes of heavens, if sub(1)…?

34 Do you raise up your voice to a cloud, that sub(1)…?

35 Do you send lightnings that sub(2)…?

36 Who put wisdom in the inward parts?

Or who gave understanding to the mind?

37 Who counts clouds in wisdom?

Or who lays down bottles of heavens?

39 Do you hunt food for a lion, and sub(1)…?

41 Who establishes food for a raven …?

**39:1** Have you known the time of mountain goats bearing …? context(1)

2 context(2)

3-4 descriptions of mountain goats bearing young

5-6 Who sent the wild ass free, and who loosed the bonds of the swift donkey, to whom sub(1)…?

9 Is the wild ox willing to serve you, if sub(1)…?

10 Do you bind a wild ox in a furrow, if sub(1)…?

11 Do you trust him because his strength is great, or sub(1)…?

12 Do you trust in him that he will return your grain, and sub(1)…?

19 Do you give a horse his strength? Do you clothe his neck with thunder?

20 Do you frighten him like a locust?

26-27 On account of your understanding, does a hawk fly sub(3)…?

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10 Now adorn yourself with majesty and fame, and clothe yourself with glory and honor.

11 Pour out outbursts of your anger, and look upon everyone who is proud and abase him.

12 Look on everyone who is proud (and) humble him, and tread on the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together; bind their faces in darkness.

14 Then also I will confess to you that your own right hand can save you.

15-18 Behold, now, Behemoth…

19-23 He is first of the ways of El; his Maker brings near His sword. …

24 Does one take him before his eyes; does one pierce his nose with snares? context(2)

41:1 Do you draw out Leviathan with a fish-hook, and sub(1)… context(1)

**41:2** Do you put a reed into his nostril, or sub(1)…?

3 Will he multiply supplications toward you, if sub(1)…?

4 Will he cut a covenant with you? Do you take him for a slave for an age? context(1)

5 Will you play with him like a bird, or sub(1)…?

6 Will traders bargain over him; will they divide him among the merchants? context(2)

7 Will you fill his skin with spears, or sub(1)…?

8 Lay your hand on him; remember the battle; you will not do it again!

9 Moreover, will not his appearance hurl down?

10 None fierce that arouses him, then Who is he that stands against **My** face?

11 Who precedes **Me** that I should pay him sub(1)?

13 Who uncovered his outer garment? Who enters with a double halter?

14a Who has opened the doors of his face?

14b-34 Descriptions of Leviathan

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2 I know that You do all things and no purpose is withheld from You.

3 “Who is this hiding counsel without words?” Therefore, I spoke out but did not understand *things* too wonderful for me, and I did not know.

4 Listen, I pray, and I will speak. I will ask You and You will cause me to know.

5 By hearing of ear I heard of You, but now my eye has seen You.

6 Therefore, I despise *myself*, and I repented on dust and ashes.

7 And it came to pass after Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, …