

JOB'S RESPONSE TO MISERY

God Speaks, Epilogue, Chapters 38-42

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God's First Speech (38:1-39:30)

1. God speaks out of a whirlwind, asking Job rhetorical questions (38:1-3)
2. Are you the architect of the earth? (38:4-11)
3. Do you command daylight and darkness? (38:12-15)
4. Do you comprehend the expanse of the earth? (38:16-21)
5. Are you the one who controls the weather? (38:22-38)
6. Do you know the design of the animal world? (38:39-39:30)

Question and Response (40:1-5)

1. God challenges Job to respond (40:1-2)
2. Job admits his insignificant position and is willing to be silent (40:3-5)

God's Second Speech (40:6-41:34)

1. God relates the design of the cosmos to the design of governance (40:6-14)
2. Even the monster Behemoth is creature of God (40:15-24)
3. The sea monster Leviathan is a creature, a plaything to God (41:1-34)

Job's Second Response (42:1-6)

1. Job accepts God's judgment that he has spoken without understanding (42:1-3)
2. Job has not only heard God, but seen God, an epiphany (42:4-6)

Epilogue (42:7-17)

1. God is angry with Job's friends for having blamed Job for his suffering (42:7-9)
2. Job's fortunes are restored (42:10-17)