

### *Job Rebukes Bildad*

26:1 THEN Job <sup>1</sup>responded, <sup>2</sup> “What a help you are to <sup>1 a</sup>the weak!  
How you have saved the arm <sup>b</sup>without strength!  
3 “What counsel you have given to *one* without wisdom!  
What helpful insight you have abundantly <sup>1</sup>provided!  
4 “To whom have you uttered words?  
And whose <sup>1</sup>spirit was expressed through you?

### *The Greatness of God*

5 “The <sup>1 a</sup>departed spirits tremble  
Under the waters and their inhabitants.  
6 “Naked is <sup>1 a</sup>Sheol before Him  
And <sup>2 b</sup>Abaddon has no covering.  
7 “He <sup>a</sup>stretches out the north over empty space,  
And hangs the earth on nothing.  
8 “He <sup>a</sup>wraps up the waters in His clouds;  
And the cloud does not burst under them.  
9 “He <sup>1 a</sup>obscures the face of the <sup>2</sup>full moon,  
And spreads His cloud over it.  
10 “He has inscribed a <sup>a</sup>circle on the surface of the waters,  
At the <sup>b</sup>boundary of light and darkness.  
11 “The pillars of heaven tremble,  
And are amazed at His rebuke.  
12 “He <sup>a</sup>quieted the sea with His power,  
And by His <sup>b</sup>understanding He shattered <sup>c</sup>Rahab.  
13 “By His breath the <sup>a</sup>heavens are <sup>1</sup>cleared;  
His hand has pierced <sup>b</sup>the fleeing serpent.  
14 “Behold, these are the fringes of His ways;  
And how faint <sup>a</sup>a word we hear of Him!  
But His mighty <sup>b</sup>thunder, who can understand?”  
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<sup>1</sup> Lit., *responded and said*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *no power*

<sup>a</sup> Job 6:11, 12

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 71:9

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *made known*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *breath has gone forth*

<sup>1</sup> Or, *shades*; Heb., *Rephaim*

<sup>a</sup> Job 3:13; Ps. 88:10

<sup>1</sup> I.e., the nether world

<sup>a</sup> Job 9:5-10; 26:6-14; 38:17; 41:11

<sup>2</sup> I.e., place of destruction

<sup>b</sup> Job 28:22; 31:12

<sup>a</sup> Job 9:8

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<sup>a</sup> Job 37:11; Prov. 30:4

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *covers*

<sup>a</sup> Job 22:14; Ps. 97:2; 105:39

<sup>2</sup> Or, *throne*

<sup>a</sup> Job 38:1-11; Prov. 8:29

<sup>b</sup> Job 38:19, 20, 24

<sup>a</sup> Is. 51:15; Jer. 31:35

<sup>b</sup> Job 12:13

<sup>c</sup> Job 9:13

<sup>a</sup> Job 9:8

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *made beautiful*

<sup>b</sup> Is. 27:1

<sup>a</sup> Job 4:12

<sup>b</sup> Job 36:29; 37:4,5

<sup>i</sup>*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.