

Biblical Faith and the Ways of Wisdom

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Lecture 2: To Rain Down on Uninhabited Land

Job and the Wisdom of the East

מלכים א ה':י'

(י) וַתֵּרֶב חָכְמַת שְׁלֹמֹה מִחָכְמַת
כָּל־בְּנֵי־קֶדֶם וּמִכָּל חָכְמַת מִצְרָיִם:

I Kings 5:10

(10) Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the People of the East and than all the wisdom of the Egyptians.

בראשית ב':ט"ז-י"ז

(טז) וַיֹּצֵו יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר
מִכָּל עֵץ־הַגָּן אָכַל תֹּאכַל: (יז) וּמִעֵץ
הַדַּעַת טוֹב וָרָע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי
בַּיּוֹם אֲכָלְהָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת:

Genesis 2:16-17

(16) And God יהוה commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you are free to eat; (17) but as for the tree of knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat of it; for as soon as you eat of it, you shall die."

משלי ג':י"ט

(יט) יְהוָה בָּחַכְמָה יִסַּד־אֶרֶץ כּוֹנֵן שָׁמַיִם
בְּתִבּוּנָה:

Proverbs 3:19

(19) The LORD founded the earth by wisdom; He established the heavens by understanding;

בראשית ל"ט

Genesis 39

(ז) וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַתִּשָּׂא
אִשְׁת־אֲדֹנָיו אֶת-עֵינֶיהָ אֶל-יוֹסֵף וַתֹּאמֶר
שְׁכַבָּה עִמִּי: (ח) וַיִּמָּאֵן | וַיֹּאמֶר
אֶל-אִשְׁת־אֲדֹנָיו הֵן אֲדֹנִי לֹא-יַדַּע אֶתִּי
מִה-בַּבַּיִת וְכָל אֲשֶׁר-יִשְׁלֹו נָתַן בְּיָדִי: (ט)
אֵינְנוּ גְדוֹל בַּבַּיִת הַזֶּה מִמֶּנִּי וְלֹא-חָשָׁךְ
מִמֶּנִּי מֵאוֹמֶה כִּי אִם-אוֹתָךְ בְּאֶשֶׁר
אַתָּה-אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאִיךָ אֶעֱשֶׂה הַרְעָה הַגְּדֹלָה
הַזֹּאת וְחָטַאתִי לֵאלֹהִים:

(כא) וַיְהִי יְהוֹה אֶת-יוֹסֵף וַיֵּט אֵלָיו חֶסֶד
וַיִּתֵּן חֲנוּ בְּעֵינָי שֶׁר בֵּית-הַסֹּהֶר: (כב)
וַיִּתֵּן שֶׁר בֵּית-הַסֹּהֶר בְּיַד-יוֹסֵף אֶת
כָּל-הָאֲסִירִם אֲשֶׁר בַּבַּיִת הַסֹּהֶר וְאֵת
כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עֹשִׂים שָׁם הוּא הָיָה עֹשֶׂה:
(כג) אֵין | שֶׁר בֵּית-הַסֹּהֶר רָאָה
אֶת-כָּל-מְאוֹמָה בְּיָדוֹ בְּאֶשֶׁר יְהוֹה אָתּוֹ
וְאֲשֶׁר-הוּא עֹשֶׂה יְהוֹה מַצְלִיחַ:

(7) After a time, his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph and said, "Lie with me." (8) But he refused. He said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master gives no thought to anything in this house, and all that he owns he has placed in my hands. (9) He wields no more authority in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except yourself, since you are his wife. How then could I do this most wicked thing, and sin before God?"

(21) *וַיְהִי יְהוֹה אֶת-יוֹסֵף* was with Joseph—extending kindness to him and disposing the chief jailer favorably toward him. (22) The chief jailer put in Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in that prison, and he was the one to carry out everything that was done there. (23) The chief jailer did not supervise anything that was in Joseph's charge, because *וַיְהִי יְהוֹה* was with him, and whatever he did *וַיְהִי יְהוֹה* made successful.

תהילים קי"א:

(י) יְרֵאָתִי חֲכָמָה | יִרְאֵת יְהוֹה שְׁכָל
טוֹב לְכָל-עֹשֵׂיהֶם תְּהַלְתּוּ עֲמֻדַת לָעַד:

Psalms 111:10

(10) The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the LORD; all who practice it gain

sound understanding. Praise of Him is everlasting.

תהילים קי"ב

(א) הַלְלוּ־יָהּ | אֲשֶׁר־אִישׁ יִרָא אֶת־יְהוָה
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו חָפֵץ מְאֹד: (ב) גִּבּוֹר בְּאַרְצָא
יְהִיָּה זִרְעוֹ דּוֹר יִשְׁרִים יִבְרָךְ: (ג)
הוֹנֵ־וַעֲשֶׂה בְּבֵיתוֹ וְצִדְקָתוֹ עֲמֻדַת לָעַד:
(ד) זָרַח בְּחֹשֶׁךְ אֹר לַיִּשְׁרִים חֲנוּן וְרַחֻם
וְצִדִּיק: (ה) טוֹב־אִישׁ חוֹנֵן וּמִלּוּה יְכַלֵּל
דְּבָרָיו בְּמִשְׁפָּט: (ו) כִּי־לְעוֹלָם לֹא־יָמוּט
לִזְכָּר עוֹלָם יְהִי צִדִּיק: (ז) מִשְׁמוּעָה
רָעָה לֹא יִירָא נֶכֶן לְבֹ בָטַח בַּיהוָה: (ח)
סָמוּךְ לְבֹ לֹא יִירָא עַד אֲשֶׁר־יִרְאֶה
בְּצָרָיו: (ט) פָּנֹר | נָתַן לְאֲבִיוֹנִים צִדְקָתוֹ
עֲמֻדַת לָעַד קִרְנוֹ תְרוּם בְּכָבוֹד: (י) רָשָׁע
יִרְאֶה | וְכַעַס שָׁנָיו יִחַרֵּק וְנַמָּס תְּאוֹת
רָשָׁעִים תֵּאבֹד:

Psalms 112

(1) Hallelujah. Happy is the man who fears the LORD, who is ardently devoted to His commandments. (2) His descendants will be mighty in the land, a blessed generation of upright men. (3) Wealth and riches are in his house, and his beneficence lasts forever. (4) A light shines for the upright in the darkness; he is gracious, compassionate, and beneficent. (5) All goes well with the man who lends generously, who conducts his affairs with equity. (6) He shall never be shaken; the beneficent man will be remembered forever. (7) He is not afraid of evil tidings; his heart is firm, he trusts in the LORD. (8) His heart is resolute, he is unafraid; in the end he will see the fall of his foes. (9) He gives freely to the poor; his beneficence lasts forever; his horn is exalted in honor. (10) The wicked man shall see it and be vexed; he shall gnash his teeth; his courage shall fail. The desire of the wicked shall come to nothing.

בראשית נ'ט"ו-כ'

(יט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יוֹסֵף אֶל-תִּירָאוּ כִּי
הִתַּחַת אֱלֹהִים אָנִי: (כ) וְאַתֶּם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם
עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָה לְטֹבָה לְמַעַן
עֲשֶׂה כִּיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְהַחֲיִית עַם-רַב:

Genesis 50:15-20

(19) But Joseph said to them, "Have no fear! Am I a substitute for God? (20) Besides, although you intended me harm, God intended it for good, so as to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.

איוב א'

(א) אִישׁ הָיָה בְּאֶרֶץ-עֻזַּי אִיּוֹב שְׁמוֹ
וְהָיָה | הָאִישׁ הַהוּא תָם וְיָשָׁר וִירָא
אֱלֹהִים וְסָר מֵרָע: (ב) וַיּוֹלְדוּ לוֹ שִׁבְעָה
בָּנִים וְשְׁלוֹשׁ בָּנוֹת: (ג) וַיְהִי מִקְנֵהוּ
שִׁבְעַת אֲלָפֵי-צֹאן וּשְׁלֹשָׁת אֲלָפֵי גִמְלִים
וְחֲמִשׁ מֵאוֹת צִמְד־בָּקָר וְחֲמִשׁ מֵאוֹת
אֲתוֹנוֹת וְעֶבְדָּה רַבָּה מְאֹד וַיְהִי הָאִישׁ
הַהוּא גָדוֹל מִכָּל-בְּנֵי-קֶדֶם: (ד) וְהָלְכוּ
בָנָיו וְעָשׂוּ מִשְׁתָּה בֵּית אִישׁ יוֹמוֹ וּשְׁלָחוּ
וַקְרָאוּ לְשִׁלְשֹׁת אַחֲיֵיתֵיהֶם לֶאֱכֹל
וּלְשִׁתּוֹת עִמָּהֶם: (ה) וַיְהִי כִּי הִקְיפוּ יָמָי
הַמִּשְׁתָּה וַיִּשְׁלַח אִיּוֹב וַיְקַדְּשֵׁם וְהַשְׂכִּים
בַּבֹּקֶר וְהָעֵלָה עֲלוֹת מִסְפָּר כָּלֶם כִּי
אָמַר אִיּוֹב אוֹלִי חֲטָאוּ בָנִי וּבִרְכוּ
אֱלֹהִים בְּלִבָּבָם כִּכָּה יַעֲשֶׂה אִיּוֹב

Job 1

(1) There was a man in the land of Uz named Job. That man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. (2) Seven sons and three daughters were born to him; (3) his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred she-asses, and a very large household. That man was wealthier than anyone in the East. (4) It was the custom of his sons to hold feasts, each on his set day in his own home. They would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. (5) When a round of feast days was over, Job would send word to them to sanctify themselves, and, rising early in the morning, he would make burnt

כָּל־הַיָּמִים: {פ}(ו) וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי
 הָאֱלֹהִים לְהִתְיַצֵּב עַל־יְהוָה וַיָּבֹאוּ
 גַם־הַשָּׁטָן בְּתוֹכָם: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
 אֶל־הַשָּׁטָן מֵאֵין תָּבֹא וַיַּעַן הַשָּׁטָן
 אֶת־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר מָשׁוּט בָּאָרֶץ וּמִהַתְהַלֵּךְ
 בָּהֶ: (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־הַשָּׁטָן הֲשָׁמַתָּ
 לְבָךְ עַל־עַבְדִּי אֱיֹב כִּי אֵין כָּמֹהוּ בָּאָרֶץ
 אִישׁ תָּם וְיֹשֵׁר יָרֵא אֱלֹהִים וְסָר מֵרָע:
 (ט) וַיַּעַן הַשָּׁטָן אֶת־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר הֲחִנַּם
 יָרֵא אֱיֹב אֱלֹהִים: (י) הֲלֹא־[אֲתָה](אֵת)
 שָׂכַתָּ בַּעֲדוֹ וּבַעֲד־בֵּיתוֹ וּבַעֲד־
 כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ מִסָּבִיב מַעֲשֵׂה יָדָיו בִּרְכָתָּ
 וּמִקְנֵהוּ פָּרִץ בָּאָרֶץ: (יא) וְאוֹלָם
 שָׁלַח־נָא יָדְךָ וְגָע בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ אִם־לֹא
 עַל־פָּנֶיךָ יִבְרָכֶךָ: (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
 אֶל־הַשָּׁטָן הִנֵּה כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ בְּיָדְךָ רַק
 אֲלִיוֹ אֶל־תְּשַׁלַּח יָדְךָ וַיֵּצֵא הַשָּׁטָן מֵעַם
 פָּנֵי יְהוָה: (יג) וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וּבָנָיו וּבָנֹתָיו
 אֹכְלִים וְשׂוֹתִים יַיִן בְּבֵית אֲחֵיהֶם הַבְּכוֹר:
 (יד) וּמִלֶּאדָּה בָּא אֶל־אֱיֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הַבְּקָר
 הָיוּ חֲרָשׁוֹת וְהָאֲתָנוֹת רָעוֹת עַל־יְדֵיהֶם:
 (טו) וּתְפֹל שְׂבָא וּתְקַחֲהֶם וְאֶת־הַנְּעָרִים
 הָכּוּ לְפִי־חֶרֶב וְאִמְלֹטָה רַק־אֲנִי לְבָדִי
 לְהַגִּיד לָךְ: (טז) עוֹד | זֶה מְדַבֵּר וְזֶה בָּא

offerings, one for each of them; for Job
 thought, “Perhaps my children have
 sinned and blasphemed God in their
 thoughts.” This is what Job always used
 to do. (6) One day the divine beings
 presented themselves before the LORD,
 and the Adversary came along with
 them. (7) The LORD said to the
 Adversary, “Where have you been?” The
 Adversary answered the LORD, “I have
 been roaming all over the earth.” (8) The
 LORD said to the Adversary, “Have you
 noticed My servant Job? There is no one
 like him on earth, a blameless and
 upright man who fears God and shuns
 evil!” (9) The Adversary answered the
 LORD, “Does Job not have good reason
 to fear God? (10) Why, it is You who
 have fenced him round, him and his
 household and all that he has. You have
 blessed his efforts so that his possessions
 spread out in the land. (11) But lay Your
 hand upon all that he has and he will
 surely blaspheme You to Your face.” (12)
 The LORD replied to the Adversary,
 “See, all that he has is in your power;
 only do not lay a hand on him.” The
 Adversary departed from the presence of
 the LORD. (13) One day, as his sons and
 daughters were eating and drinking wine

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵשׁ אֱלֹהִים נִפְלְאָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם
 וַתִּבְעֶר בַּצֹּאן וּבַנְּעָרִים וּתְאָכְלָם וְאִמְלָטָה
 רֶק־אֲנִי לְבִדִּי לְהַגִּיד לָךְ: (יז) עוֹד | זֶה
 מְדַבֵּר וְזֶה בָּא וַיֹּאמֶר כְּשִׁדִּים שָׂמוּ |
 שְׁלֹשָׁה רָאשִׁים וַיִּפְשְׁטוּ עַל־הַגְּמִלִּים
 וַיִּקְחוּם וְאֶת־הַנְּעָרִים הָכּוּ לְפִי־חֶרֶב
 וְאִמְלָטָה רֶק־אֲנִי לְבִדִּי לְהַגִּיד לָךְ: (יח)
 עַד זֶה מְדַבֵּר וְזֶה בָּא וַיֹּאמֶר בְּנִי
 וּבָנוֹתַי אָכְלִים וְשׂוֹתִים יָזוּ בְּבֵית אֲחֵיהֶם
 הַבְּכוֹר: (יט) וְהִנֵּה רוּחַ גְּדוֹלָה בָּאָה |
 מֵעֵבֶר הַמְּדַבֵּר וַיִּגַּע בָּאֲרָבֶעַ פְּנוֹת הַבַּיִת
 וַיִּפֹּל עַל־הַנְּעָרִים וַיָּמוּתוּ וְאִמְלָטָה
 רֶק־אֲנִי לְבִדִּי לְהַגִּיד לָךְ: (כ) וַיָּקָם אִיּוֹב
 וַיִּקְרַע אֶת־מְעָלוֹ וַיִּגְזֹ אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ וַיִּפֹּל
 אָרְצָה וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲו: (כא) וַיֹּאמֶר עָרֹם יָצֵאתִי
 מִבֶּטֶן אִמִּי וְעָרֹם אָשׁוּב שָׁמָּה יְהוָה נָתַן
 וַיהוָה לָקַח יְהִי שֵׁם יְהוָה מְבָרָךְ: (כב)
 בְּכָל־זֹאת לֹא־חָטָא אִיּוֹב וְלֹא־נָתַן תִּפְלָה
 לֵאלֹהִים:

in the house of their eldest brother, (14)
 a messenger came to Job and said, "The
 oxen were plowing and the she-asses
 were grazing alongside them (15) when
 Sabceans attacked them and carried them
 off, and put the boys to the sword; I
 alone have escaped to tell you." (16) This
 one was still speaking when another
 came and said, "God's fire fell from
 heaven, took hold of the sheep and the
 boys, and burned them up; I alone have
 escaped to tell you." (17) This one was
 still speaking when another came and
 said, "A Chaldean formation of three
 columns made a raid on the camels and
 carried them off and put the boys to the
 sword; I alone have escaped to tell you."
 (18) This one was still speaking when
 another came and said, "Your sons and
 daughters were eating and drinking wine
 in the house of their eldest brother (19)
 when suddenly a mighty wind came
 from the wilderness. It struck the four
 corners of the house so that it collapsed
 upon the young people and they died; I
 alone have escaped to tell you." (20)
 Then Job arose, tore his robe, cut off his
 hair, and threw himself on the ground
 and worshiped. (21) He said, "Naked
 came I out of my mother's womb, and

naked shall I return there; the LORD has given, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” (22)
For all that, Job did not sin nor did he cast reproach on God.

בבא בתרא ט"ו

מִשֶּׁה כָּתַב סֵפֶרוֹ...וְאַיּוֹב.

אָמַר רַבִּי לֵוִי בֶר לַחֲמָא: אִיּוֹב בִּימֵי
מִשֶּׁה הָיָה

רַבָּא אָמַר: אִיּוֹב בִּימֵי מְרַגְלִים הָיָה

דְּרַבִּי שְׁמוּאֵל בֶּר נַחֲמָנִי... אִיּוֹב לֹא הָיָה
וְלֹא נִבְרָא, אֶלָּא מִשְׁלַל הָיָה.

רַבִּי יוֹחָנָן וְרַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר דְּאָמְרֵי תְרוּיָהּ:
אִיּוֹב מַעֲוִלֵי גוֹלָה הָיָה

רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר אָמַר: אִיּוֹב בִּימֵי שְׁפוֹט
הַשּׁוֹפְטִים הָיָה

Bava Batra 15

Moses wrote his own book, i.e., the Torah...and the book of **Job**.

Rabbi Levi bar Laḥma says: Job lived in the time of **Moses**.

Rava says: Job lived at the time of the **spies** whom Moses sent to scout the land of Canaan.

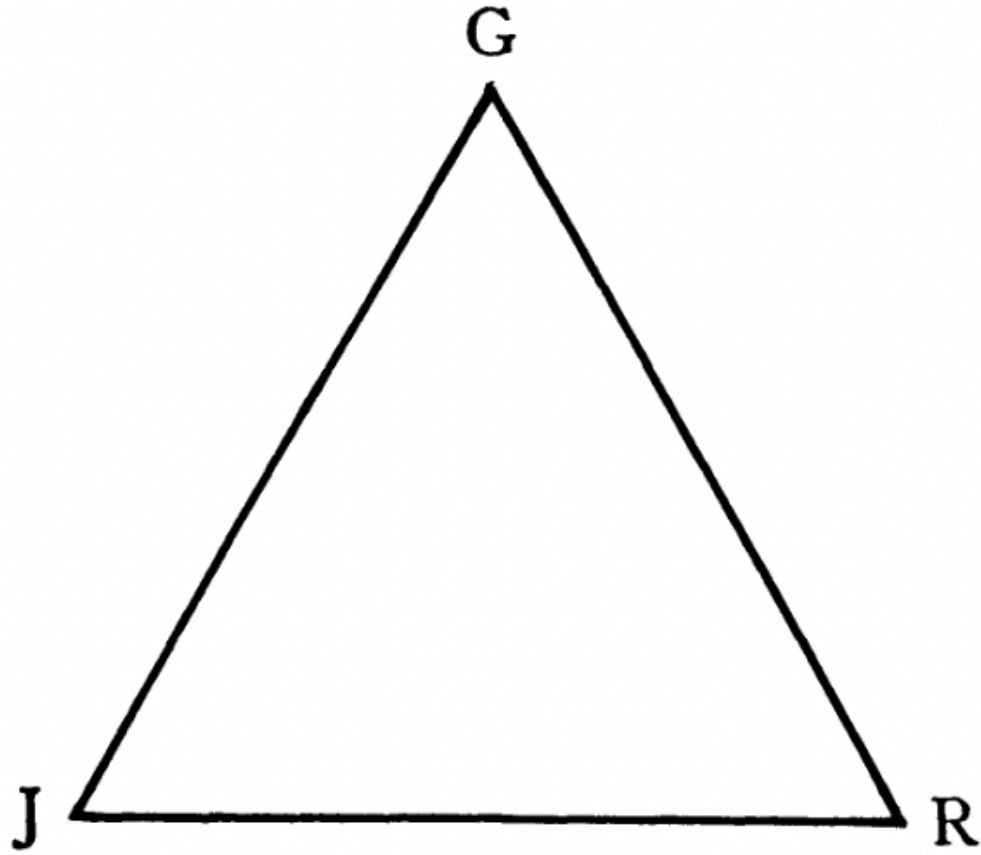
Rabbi Shmuel bar Naḥmani...said: Job never existed Rather, his story was a **parable**.

Rabbi Yoḥanan and Rabbi Elazar both say: Job was among those who **ascended from the exile** at the start of the Second Temple period.

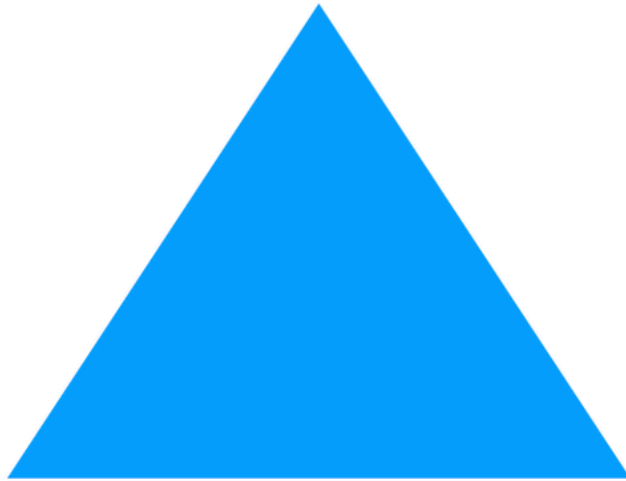
Rabbi Elazar says: Job lived in the days of the **judging of the Judges**

רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן קֹרְחָה אָמַר: אִיּוֹב בְּיָמֵי
אַחַשְׁוֵרוּשׁ הָיָה

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Korḥa says: Job
lived in the days of Ahasuerus



God the Omnipotent



Job the Good

Doctrine of Retribution

איוב ל"ח

(א) וַיַּעֲנֵה־יְהוָה אֶת־אִיּוֹב מִן־הַסְּעָרָה
וַיֹּאמֶר: (ב) מִי זֶה | מַחְשִׁיב עָצָה בְּמַלְיָן
בְּלִי־דַעַת:

(ד) אֵיפֹה הָיִיתָ בְּיִסְדֵּי־אָרֶץ הָגֵד
אִם־יָדַעַתָּ בִּינָה:

(יב) הֲמִיָּמֶיךָ צִוִּיתָ בֹּקֶר יָדַעַתָּ הַשָּׁחַר
מִקְמוֹ: (יג) לֹאֲחֹז בְּכַנְפוֹת הָאָרֶץ וַיִּנְעָרוּ
רָשָׁיִם מִמֶּנָּה: (טו) וַיִּמְנַע מִרָשָׁיִם
אֹרֶם...

Job 38

(1) Then the LORD replied to Job out of the storm and said: (2) Who is this who darkens counsel, Speaking without knowledge?

(4) Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Speak if you have understanding.

(12) Have you ever commanded the day to break, Assigned the dawn its place,

(13) So that it seizes the corners of the earth And shakes the wicked out of it ...

(15) So that light is withheld from the wicked...?

(כה) מִי־פָלַג לַשֹּׁטֶף תַּעֲלֶה וְדֶרֶךְ לַחֲזוֹיז
קָלוֹת: (כו) לְהַמְטִיר עַל־אֶרֶץ לֹא־אִישׁ
מְדַבֵּר לֹא־אָדָם בּוֹ: (כז) לְהַשְׁבִּיעַ שָׂאָה
וּמִשְׂאָה וּלְהַצְמִיחַ מִצָּא דָשָׂא:

(25) Who cut a channel for the torrents
And a path for the thunderstorms, (26)
To rain down on uninhabited land, On
the wilderness where no man is, (27) To
saturate the desolate wasteland, And
make the crop of grass sprout forth?

דברים י"א:ג-י"ז

(יג) וְהָיָה אִם־שָׁמַעַ תִּשְׁמָעוּ אֶל־מִצְוֹתַי
אֲשֶׁר אֲנִכִּי מִצְוָה אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם ... (יד)
וְנָתַתִּי מִטְר־אֲרָצְכֶם בְּעִתּוֹ...

(יז) וְחָרָה אַף־יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעָצָר
אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה מָטָר וְהָאֲדָמָה
לֹא תִתֵּן אֶת־יְבוּלָהּ וְאֶבְדַּתֶּם מְהֵרָה
מֵעַל הָאֲרֶץ הַטֹּבָה...

Deuteronomy 11:13-17

(13) If, then, you obey the
commandments that I enjoin upon you
this day...(14) I will grant the rain for
your land in season...

(17) For יהוה's anger will flare up against
you, shutting up the skies so that there
will be no rain and the ground will not
yield its produce; and you will soon
perish from the good land...

איוב כ"ח

(א) כִּי יֵשׁ לַכֶּסֶף מוֹצֵא וּמָקוֹם לְזָהָב
יִזְקוּ: (ב) בְּרוֹזל מֵעַפָּר יִקָּח וְאָבֹן יִצּוּק

Job 28

(1) There is a mine for silver, And a place
where gold is refined. (2) Iron is taken
out of the earth, And copper smelted

נְחוּשָׁה: (ו) מְקוֹם־סַפִּיר אֲבִנִיָּה וְעַפְרָת
 זֶה־בִּלְוֹ: (ז) נָתִיב לֹא־יֵדְעוּ עֵיט... (ח)
 לֹא־הִדְרִיכוּהוּ בְּנִי־שֹׁחַץ... (ט) בַּחֲלָמִישׁ
 שָׁלַח יָדוֹ הַפֶּדֶן מִשָּׁרֵשׁ הָרִים: (י) בַּצּוּרוֹת
 יֹאֲרִים בִּקְעָה... (יא) מִבְּכֵי נְהָרוֹת חֲבֹשׁ
 וְתַעֲלֶמָה יֵצֵא אוֹר:

(יב) וְהִחֲכְמָה מֵאֵין תִּמְצָא וְאֵי זֶה מְקוֹם
 בִּינָה: (טו) לֹא־יִתֵּן סִגּוֹר תַּחֲתֶיהָ וְלֹא
 יִשְׁקַל כֶּסֶף מְחִירָהּ: (יח)... וּמִשָּׁד
 חֲכָמָה מִפְּנִינִים:

(כ) וְהִחֲכְמָה מֵאֵין תִּבּוֹא וְאֵי זֶה מְקוֹם
 בִּינָה: (כא) וְנַעֲלָמָה מֵעֵינֵי כָל־חַי...:

(כג) אֱלֹהִים הֵבִין דֶּרֶכָּה וְהוּא יֹדֵעַ
 אֶת־מְקוֹמָהּ: (כה) לַעֲשׂוֹת לְרוּחַ מִשְׁקָל
 וְיָמִים תִּכַּן בְּמִדָּה: (כז) אַז רָאָה וַיִּסְפְּרָה
 הִכִּינָה וְגַם־חִקְרָה: (כח) וַיֹּאמֶר | לְאָדָם

from rock...(6) Its rocks are a source of
 sapphires; It contains gold dust too. (7)
 No bird of prey knows the path to it...(8)
 The proud beasts have not reached it...
 (9) Man sets his hand against the flinty
 rock And overturns mountains by the
 roots. (10) He carves out channels
 through rock... (11) He dams up the
 sources of the streams So that hidden
 things may be brought to light.

(12) But where can wisdom be found;
 Where is the source of
 understanding?(15) It cannot be bartered
 for gold; Silver cannot be paid out as its
 price. (18) ...A pouch of wisdom is
 better than rubies.

(20) But whence does wisdom come?
 Where is the source of understanding?
 (21) It is hidden from the eyes of all
 living....

(23) God understands the way to it; He
 knows its source...(25) When He fixed
 the weight of the winds, Set the measure
 of the waters...(27) Then He saw it and
 gauged it; He measured it and probed it.
 (28) He said to man, "See! Fear of the

הֵן יִרְאֶת אֲדֹנֵי הָיָא חֲכָמָה וְסוּר מִרָע
בִּינָה:

Lord is wisdom; To shun evil is
understanding.”