

# Job 38

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



**1** And Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, **2** Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? **3** Gird up now thy loins like a man; and I will demand of thee, and inform thou me.

**4** Where wast thou when I founded the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. **5** Who set the measures thereof--if thou knowest? or who stretched a line upon it? **6** Whereupon were the foundations thereof sunken? or who laid its corner-stone, **7** When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? **8** And who shut up the sea with doors, when it burst forth, issuing out of the womb? **9** When I made the cloud its garment, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it; **10** When I cut out for it my boundary, and set bars and doors, **11** And said, Hitherto shalt thou come and no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

**12** Hast thou since thy days commanded the morning? hast thou caused the dawn to know its place, **13** That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked might be shaken out of it? **14** It is changed like the signet-clay; and all things stand forth as in a garment: **15** And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the uplifted arm is broken. **16** Hast thou entered as far as the springs of the sea? and hast thou walked in the recesses of the deep? **17** Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee? and hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death? **18** Hath thine understanding compassed the breadths of the earth? Declare if thou knowest it all. **19** Where is the way to where light dwelleth? and the darkness, where is its place, **20** That thou shouldest take it to its bound, and that thou shouldest know the paths to its house? **21** Thou knowest, for thou wast then born, and the number of thy days is great! **22** Hast thou entered into the storehouses of the snow, and hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, **23** Which I have reserved for the time of distress, for the day of battle and war? **24** By what way is the light parted, and the east wind scattered upon the earth?

**25** Who hath divided a channel for the rain-flood, and a way for the thunder's flash; **26** To cause it to rain on the earth, where no one is; on the wilderness wherein there is not a man; **27** To satisfy the desolate and waste ground, and to cause the sprout of the grass to spring forth? **28** Hath the rain a father? or who begetteth the drops of dew? **29** Out of whose womb cometh the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who bringeth it forth? **30** When the waters lie hidden as in stone, and the face of the deep holdeth fast together. **31** Canst thou fasten the bands of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion? **32** Dost thou bring forth the constellations each in its season? or dost thou guide the Bear with her sons? **33** Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens? dost thou determine their rule over the earth? **34** Dost thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that floods of waters may cover thee? **35** Dost thou send forth lightnings that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? **36** Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the mind? **37** Who numbereth the clouds with wisdom? or who poureth out the bottles of the heavens, **38** When the dust runneth as into a molten mass, and the clods cleave fast together? **39** Dost thou hunt the prey for the lioness, and dost thou satisfy the appetite of the young lions, **40** When they crouch in their dens, and abide in the thicket to lie in wait? **41** Who provideth for the raven his food, when his young ones cry unto \*God, and they wander for lack of meat?