

# Job 26 - Job Reasons with Bildad

## II. Dialogue (Job 3:1–42:6)

- (4) Third dialogue cycle (Job 22:1–31:40)
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    - (b) Job's reply (Job 26:1–28:28)
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2 "What a help you are to the weak! How powerfully you deliver those without strength!

2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

3 "What advice you have given to one without wisdom! What helpful insight you have abundantly provided!

3 "What counsel you have given to one without wisdom! What helpful insight you have abundantly provided!

3 What counsel you provide to the fool! What insight you provide so abundantly!

3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 "To whom have you uttered words? And whose spirit was expressed through you?

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4 Who helped you say all of this? Who inspired you?"

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

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5 "The departed spirits are made to tremble Under the waters and their inhabitants.

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5 "The ghosts of the dead writhe under the waters along with those who live there with them.

5 Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

6 "Sheol is naked before Him, And Abaddon has no covering.

6 "Naked is Sheol before Him, And Abaddon has no covering.

6 Sheol is naked before God and Abaddon has no clothes.

6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 "He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

7 "He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

7 He spreads out the north over empty space, suspending the earth over nothing.

7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 "He wraps up the waters in His clouds, And the cloud does not burst under them.

8 "He wraps up the waters in His clouds, And the cloud does not burst under them.

8 "He restricts the waters within clouds and the clouds don't burst open under them.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 "He obscures the face of the full moon And spreads His cloud over it.

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9 He has enclosed the face of the full moon and spread his clouds over it.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 "He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness.

10 "He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness.

10 He has delimited a boundary over the surface of the oceans as a limit between light and darkness.

10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

11 "The pillars of heaven tremble And are amazed at His rebuke.

11 "The pillars of heaven tremble And are amazed at His rebuke.

11 The pillars of the heavens tremble and are astounded at his rebuke.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

12 "With His power He quieted the sea, And by His understanding He shattered Rahab.

12 "He quieted the sea with His power, And by His understanding He shattered Rahab.

12 By his power he disturbs the sea; and with his skill he shatters the sea monster.

12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

13 He clears the skies with his wind; his hands have pierced the fleeing serpent.

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

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14 "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; And how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand?"

14 Indeed, these are the fringes of his ways, and how faint is the whisper we've heard of it! But who can comprehend the thunder of his might?"

14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?