

The Book of
Job

1 Job's Uprightness and Prosperity. 6 Satan permitted to tempt him. 13 Job's Afflictions and Patience.

1 There was a man in *the* land of ¹Uz, whose name was ²Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil. **2** And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. **3** His ³substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was *the* greatest of all *the* children of *the* east. **4** And his sons went and held a feast in *the* house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. **5** And it was so, when *the* days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to *the* number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and ⁴dishonored God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that ⁵Satan also came among them. **7** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **8** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? ⁶for *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil. **9** Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? **10** Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed *the* work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. **11** But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will dishonor thee to thy face. **12** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy ⁷power; only upon himself put not forth thy hand. So Satan went forth from *the* presence of Jehovah.

13 And it fell on *a* day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, **14** that there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses

feeding beside them; **15** and ⁸*the* Sabceans fell upon *them*, and took them away: yes, they have slain the ⁹servants with the edge of *the* sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **16** While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, *The* fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them: and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **17** While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, *The* Chaldeans made three bands, and ¹⁰fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, yes, and slain the servants with *the* edge of *the* sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **18** While he *was* yet speaking there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; **19** and, behold, there came a great wind ¹¹from the wilderness, and smote *the* four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon *the* ground, and worshipped; **21** and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be *the* name of Jehovah. **22** In all this Job sinned not, nor ¹²charged God foolishly.

2 Again it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan came also among them to present himself before Jehovah. **2** And Jehovah said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **3** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? ¹³for *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, ¹⁴to destroy him without cause. **4** And Satan answered Jehovah and said, Skin for skin, yes, all that a man hath will he give for his soul. **5** But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will dishonor thee to thy face. **6** And

¹ *In Arabia, east of the Jordan rift valley? Cf. Ge 10:23.*

² *Hb. Iyob;*

³ *Or, cattle*

⁴ *Lit. made light of Sopherim changed to, renounced or, blasphemed Similarly also in vs. 11; ch. 2:5, 9.*

⁵ *That is, the Adversary And so everywhere.*

⁶ *Or, that*

⁷ *Hb. hand;*

⁸ *Hb. Sheba fell upon them,*

⁹ *Hb. young men*

¹⁰ *Or, made a raid upon the camels,*

¹¹ *Or, over*

¹² *Or, attributed folly to God.*

¹³ *Or, that*

¹⁴ *Hb. to swallow him up without cause.*

Jehovah said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thy hand; only spare his soul.

7 So Satan went forth from *the* presence of Jehovah, and smote Job with sore boils from *the* sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself therewith; and he sat among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? dishonor God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the ¹⁵foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good *from the hand* of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to bemoan him and to comfort him. 12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his robe, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. 13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

3 After this opened Job his mouth, and curseth his day.

2 And Job answered and said:

3 Let *the* day perish wherein I was born,
And the night which said, There is a man-child
conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness;

Let not God from above seek for it,
Neither let *the* light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and ¹⁶*the* shadow of death claim it for
their own;

Let a cloud dwell upon it;
Let all that maketh black *the* day terrify it.

6 *As for* that night, let thick darkness seize upon it:
Let it not rejoice among *the* days of *the* year; Let it
not come into *the* number of *the* months.

7 Lo, let that night be ¹⁷barren;

Let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse *the* day,
Who are ¹⁸ready to rouse up leviathan.

9 Let *the* stars of *the* twilight thereof be dark:

Let it look for light, but *have* none;
Neither let it behold *the* eyelids of *the* morning:

10 Because it shut not up *the* doors of my *mother's*
womb,

Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from *the* womb?

Why did I *not* give up *the* breath when my mother
bare me?

¹⁵ *Or*, impious women

¹⁶ *Or*, deep darkness *And so elsewhere*.

¹⁷ *Or*, solitary

¹⁸ *Or*, skilful

12 Why did *the* knees receive me?

Or why *the* breasts, that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain down and been quiet;

I should have slept; then had I been at rest,

14 With kings and counsellors of *the* earth,

Who ¹⁹built up waste places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold,

Who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been,

As infants *that* never saw light.

17 There *the* wicked cease *from* ²⁰troubling;

And there *the* weary are at rest.

18 *There the* prisoners are at ease together;

They hear not *the* voice of *the* taskmaster.

19 *The* small and *the* great are there;

And *the* servant *is* free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery,

And life unto *the* bitter *in* soul;

21 Who ²¹long for death, but it *cometh* not,

And dig for it more than for hid treasures;

22 Who rejoice ²²exceedingly,

And are glad, when they can find the grave?

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid,

And whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh ²³before I eat,

And my ²⁴groanings are poured out like water.

25 For ²⁵*the* thing which I fear cometh upon me,

And that which I am afraid of cometh unto me.

26 I ²⁶am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither have I
rest;

But trouble cometh.

4 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 *If* one assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be
grieved?

But who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many,

And thou hast strengthened *the* weak hands.

4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling,

And thou hast made firm *the* ²⁷feeble knees.

5 But now it is come unto thee, and thou ²⁸faintest;

It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 *Is* not thy fear of *God* thy confidence,

And the integrity of thy ways thy hope?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being
innocent?

¹⁹ *Or*, built solitary piles for themselves;

²⁰ *Or*, raging;

²¹ *Hb.* wait for death,

²² *Or*, unto exultation,

²³ *Or*, like my food,

²⁴ *Hb.* roarings are poured out like water.

²⁵ *Or*, *the* thing which I feared is come upon me,

²⁶ *Or*, was not at ease,... Yet trouble came.

²⁷ *Hb.* bowing.

²⁸ *Or*, art grieved;

Or where were *the* upright cut off?
 8 According as I have seen, they that plow iniquity,
 And sow ²⁹trouble, reap *the* same.
 9 By *the* breath of God they perish,
 And by *the* blast of his anger are they consumed.
 10 *The* roaring of *the* lion, and *the* voice of *the* fierce
 lion,
 And *the* teeth of *the* young lions, are broken.
 11 *The* old lion perisheth for lack of prey,
 And *the* whelps of *the* lioness are scattered abroad.
 12 Now a thing was ³⁰secretly brought to me,
 And mine ear received a whisper thereof.
 13 In thoughts from *the* visions of *the* night,
 When deep sleep falleth on men,
 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
 Which made all my bones to shake.
 15 Then ³¹a spirit passed before my face;
The hair of my flesh stood up.
 16 It stood still, but I could not discern *the* appearance
 thereof;
 A form *was* before mine eyes:
³²*There was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,
 17 Shall mortal man ³³be more just than God?
 Shall a man ³⁴be more pure than his Maker?
 18 Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants;
 And his angels he chargeth with folly:
 19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
 Whose foundation *is* in the dust,
 Who are crushed ³⁵before *the* moth!
 20 ³⁶Betwixt morning and evening they are ³⁷destroyed:
 They perish for ever without any regarding *it*.
 21 ³⁸Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them?
 They die, and that without wisdom.
 5 Call now; is there any that will answer thee?
 And to which of *the* holy ones wilt thou turn?
 2 For vexation killeth *the* foolish man,
 And ³⁹jealousy slayeth *the* silly one.
 3 I have seen *the* foolish taking root:
 But suddenly I cursed his habitation.
 4 His children are far from safety,
 And they are crushed in *the* gate,
 Neither *is there* any to deliver *them*:
 5 Whose harvest *the* hungry eateth up,
 And taketh it even out of *the* thorns;
 And ⁴⁰*the* snare gapeth for their substance.

²⁹ *Or*, mischief,

³⁰ *Hb.* brought by stealth to me,

³¹ *Or*, a breath passed over my face;

³² *Or*, I heard a still voice,

³³ *Or*, be just before God

³⁴ *Or*, be pure before his Maker

³⁵ *Or*, like *the* moth!

³⁶ *Or*, From morning to evening they are destroyed:

³⁷ *Hb.* broken in pieces:

³⁸ *Or*, Is not their excellency *which is* in them removed?

³⁹ *Or*, indignation

6 For ⁴¹affliction cometh not forth from *the* dust,
 Neither doth trouble spring out of *the* ground;
 7 But man is born unto trouble,
 As ⁴²*the* sparks fly upward.
 8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,
 And unto ⁴³God would I commit my cause;
 9 Who doeth great things and unsearchable,
 Marvellous things without number;
 10 Who giveth rain upon *the* earth,
 And sendeth waters upon *the* fields;
 11 So that he setteth up on high those that are low,
 And those that mourn are exalted to safety.
 12 He frustrateth the devices of *the* crafty,
 So that their hands ⁴⁴cannot perform *their*
 enterprise.
 13 He taketh *the* wise in their own craftiness;
 And *the* counsel of *the* cunning is carried headlong.
 14 They meet with darkness *in the* daytime,
 And grope at noonday as in the night.
 15 But he saveth from *the* sword ⁴⁵of their mouth,
 Even *the* needy from *the* hand of *the* mighty.
 16 So *the* poor hath hope,
 And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
 17 Behold, happy *is the* man whom God ⁴⁶correcteth:
 Therefore despise not thou *the* chastening of *the*
 Almighty.
 18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up;
 He woundeth, and his hands make whole.
 19 He will deliver thee in six troubles;
 Yes, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
 20 In famine he will redeem thee from death;
 And in war from *the* power of the sword.
 21 Thou shalt be hid from *the* scourge of *the* tongue;
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it
 cometh.
 22 At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh;
 Neither shalt thou be afraid of *the* beasts of the
 earth.
 23 For thou shalt be in league with *the* stones of the
 field;
 And *the* beasts of the field shall be at peace with
 thee.
 24 And thou shalt know that thy tent *is* in peace;
 And thou shalt visit thy ⁴⁷fold, and ⁴⁸shalt miss
 nothing.
 25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed *shall be* great,
 And thine offspring as *the* grass of the earth.

⁴⁰ *Vg.* reads *the* thirsty swallow up their substance.

⁴¹ *Or*, iniquity See ch. 4:8.

⁴² *Hb.* *the* sons of flame *or*, *the* sons of lightning

⁴³ *Or*, the judges *Hb.* *elohim*

⁴⁴ *Or*, can perform nothing of worth.

⁴⁵ *Hb.* out of their mouth,

⁴⁶ *Or*, reproveth:

⁴⁷ *Or*, habitation,

⁴⁸ *Or*, shalt not err.

26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age,
 Like as a shock of grain cometh up in its season.
 27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is*;
 Hear it, and know thou *it* ⁴⁹for thy good.

6 Then Job answered and said,
 2 Oh that my vexation were but weighed,
 And all my calamity laid in *the* balances!
 3 For now it would be heavier than *the* sand of *the*
 seas:
 Therefore have my words been rash.
 4 For *the* arrows of *the* Almighty *are* within me,
The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up:
The terrors of God do set themselves in array
 against me.
 5 Doth *the* wild ass bray when he hath grass?
 Or loweth *the* ox over his fodder?
 6 Can that which hath no savor be eaten without salt?
 Or is there *any* taste in ⁵⁰*the* white of an egg?
 7 ⁵¹My soul refuseth to touch *them*;
 They *are* as loathsome food to me.
 8 Oh that I might have my request;
 And that God would grant *me the* thing that I long
 for!
 9 Even that it would please God to crush me;
 That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
 10 And be it still my consolation,
⁵²Yes, let me ⁵³exult in pain that spareth not,
 That I have not ⁵⁴denied *the* words of *the* Holy One.
 11 What *is* my strength, that I should wait?
 And what *is* mine end, that I should prolong my soul?
 12 *Is* my strength *the* strength of stones?
 Or *is* my flesh of copper?
 13 *Is it not that* I have no help in me,
 And *that* wisdom is driven quite from me?
 14 ⁵⁵To him that is ready to faint kindness *should be*
showed from his friend;
⁵⁶Even to him that forsaketh *the* fear of *the* Almighty.
 15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook,
 As *the* channel of brooks that pass away;
 16 Which are black by reason of *the* ice,
 And wherein *the* snow hideth itself:
 17 What time they ⁵⁷wax warm, they vanish;
 When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

⁴⁹ *Hb.* for thyself.

⁵⁰ *Or, the* juice of purslain

⁵¹ *Or, What things* my soul refused to touch,
 These *are* as my loathsome food.

⁵² *Or, Though* I shrink back in pain

⁵³ *Or, harden* myself in pain

⁵⁴ *Or, concealed*

⁵⁵ *Aram., Vg., Targ. read* He that restraineth kindness
 from his friend forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

⁵⁶ *Or, Else* might he forsake *or, But* he forsaketh

⁵⁷ *Or, shrink,*

18 ⁵⁸*The* caravans that travel by *the* way of them turn
 aside;
 They go up into the waste, and perish.
 19 *The* caravans of Tema looked,
The companies of Sheba waited for them.
 20 They were put to shame because they had hoped;
 They came thither, and were confounded.
 21 For now ye ⁵⁹are nothing;
 Ye see a terror, and are afraid.
 22 Did I say, Give unto me?
 Or, Offer a present for me of your substance?
 23 Or, Deliver me from *the* adversary's hand?
 Or, Redeem me from *the* hand of *the* oppressors?
 24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace;
 And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
 25 How forcible are words of uprightness!
 But your reproof, what doth it reprove?
 26 Do ye think to reprove words,
Seeing that *the* speeches of one that is desperate *are*
⁶⁰as wind?
 27 Yes, ye would cast *lots* upon *the* fatherless,
 And make merchandise of your friend.
 28 Now therefore be pleased to look upon me;
⁶¹For surely I shall not lie to your face.
 29 Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice;
 Yes, return again, ⁶²my cause *is* righteous.
 30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
 Cannot my taste discern mischievous things?
 7 *Is there* not a ⁶³warfare to man upon earth?
 And *are not* his days like *the* days of a hireling?
 2 As a servant that earnestly desireth *the* shadow,
 And as a hireling that looketh for his wages:
 3 So am I made to possess months of misery,
 And wearisome nights are appointed to me.
 4 When I lie down, I say,
 When shall I arise, and *the* evening be gone?
 And I am full of tossings to and fro unto *the*
 dawning of *the* day.
 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
 My skin ⁶⁴closeth up, and breaketh out afresh.
 6 My days are ⁶⁵swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
 And are spent without hope.
 7 Oh remember that my life *is* a ⁶⁶breath:
 Mine eye shall no more see good.
 8 *The* eye of him that seeth me shall behold me no
more.
 Thine eyes *shall be* upon me, but I *shall* not be.

⁵⁸ *Or, The* paths of their way are turned aside;

⁵⁹ *Hb^{mg} reads* are like thereto;

⁶⁰ *Or, for the* wind

⁶¹ *Or, And* it will be evident unto you if I lie.

⁶² *Hb.* my righteousness *is* in it.

⁶³ *Or, time* of service to man upon earth

⁶⁴ *Or, is* broken and become loathsome.

⁶⁵ *Lit.* lighter

⁶⁶ *Or, wind: or, spirit: Hb.* רוּחַ, ruach.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,
So he that goeth down to Sheol shall not come up.
10 He shall return no more to his house,
Neither shall his place know him any more.
11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth;
I will speak in *the* anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in *the* bitterness of my soul.
12 *Am* I a sea, or a sea-monster,
That thou settest a watch over me?
13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,
My couch shall ease my complaint;
14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,
And terrifiest me through visions:
15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than *these* my bones.
16 ⁶⁷I loathe *my life*; I ⁶⁸would not live alway:
Let me alone; for my days *are* ⁶⁹vanity.
17 What *is* man, that thou shouldest magnify him,
And that thou shouldest set thy mind upon him,
18 And *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning,
And try him every moment?
19 How long wilt thou not look away from me,
Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 If I have sinned, ⁷⁰what do I unto thee, O thou
⁷¹watcher of men?
Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
So that I am a burden ⁷²unto Thee?
21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression,
and take away mine iniquity?
For now shall I lie down in the dust;
And thou wilt seek me diligently, but I *shall* not *be*.
8 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these *things*?
And *how long shall the words of thy mouth be like*
a mighty wind?
3 Doth God pervert justice?
Or doth *the* Almighty pervert righteousness?
4 ⁷³If thy children have sinned against him,
And he hath delivered them into *the* hand of their
transgression;
5 If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God,
And make thy supplication to *the* Almighty;
6 If thou *wert* pure and upright:
Surely now he would awake for thee,
And make *the* habitation of thy righteousness
prosperous.
7 And though thy beginning was small,
Yet thy latter end would greatly increase.

⁶⁷ Or, I waste away;⁶⁸ Or, shall not live alway:⁶⁹ Or, as a breath.⁷⁰ Or, what can I do unto thee,⁷¹ Or, preserver of man⁷² Sopherim *changed to*, to myself⁷³ Or, If thy children sinned ... he delivered them *etc.*

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of *the* former age,
And apply thyself to that which their fathers have
searched out:
9 (For we are but *of* yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth *are* a shadow:)
10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,
And utter words out of their heart?
11 Can *the* ⁷⁴rush grow up without mire?
Can *the* ⁷⁵flag grow without water?
12 Whilst it *is* yet in its greenness, and not cut down,
It withereth before any *other* herb.
13 So *are the* paths of all that forget God;
And *the* hope of *the* godless man shall perish:
14 Whose confidence ⁷⁶shall break in sunder,
And whose trust *is* a spider's ⁷⁷web.
15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand:
He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.
16 He *is* green before *the* sun,
And his shoots go forth over his garden.
17 His roots are wrapped ⁷⁸about *the* stone-heap,
He beholdeth *the* place of stones.
18 If he be destroyed from his place,
Then *it* shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen thee.
19 Behold, this *is the* joy of his way;
And out of *the* ⁷⁹earth shall others spring.
20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man*,
Neither will he uphold *the* evil-doers.
21 ⁸⁰He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter,
And thy lips with shouting.
22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame;
And *the* tent of *the* wicked shall be no more.
9 Then Job answered and said,
2 Of a truth I know that *it is* so:
⁸¹But how can man be just ⁸²with God?
3 ⁸³If he be pleased to contend with him,
He cannot answer him one *question* of a thousand.
4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength:
Who hath hardened *himself* against him, and
prospered? —
5 *Him* that removeth mountains, and they know it not,
When he overturneth them in his anger;
6 That shaketh *the* earth out of its place,
And *the* pillars thereof tremble;
7 That commandeth the sun, and it riseth not,
And sealeth up *the* stars;

⁷⁴ Or, papyrus⁷⁵ Or, reed-grass⁷⁶ Or, shall be cut off,⁷⁷ Hb. house.⁷⁸ Or, beside *the* spring,⁷⁹ Or, dust⁸⁰ Or, Till he fill thy mouth with laughter,⁸¹ Or, For⁸² Or, before⁸³ Or, If one should desire ... he could not answer *etc.*

8 That alone stretcheth out *the* heavens,
 And treadeth upon *the* ⁸⁴waves of *the* sea;
 9 That maketh ⁸⁵Ursa Major, Orion, and *the* Pleiades,
 And *the* chambers of *the* south;
 10 That doeth great things past finding out,
 Yes, marvellous things without number.
 11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not:
 He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
 12 Behold, he seizeth *the prey*, who can ⁸⁶hinder him?
 Who will say unto him, What doest thou?
 13 God will not withdraw his anger;
The helpers of ⁸⁷Rahab ⁸⁸do stoop under him.
 14 How much less shall I answer him,
 And choose out my words *to reason* with him?
 15 Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not
 answer;
 I would make supplication to my judge.
 16 If I had called, and he had answered me,
Yet would I not believe that he hearkened unto my
 voice.
 17 ⁸⁹For he breaketh me with a tempest,
 And multiplieth my wounds without cause.
 18 He will not suffer me to take my breath,
 But filleth me with bitterness.
 19 If *we speak* of strength, ⁹⁰lo, *he is* mighty!
 And if of justice, Who, *saith he*, will summon me?
 20 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall
 condemn me:
Though I be perfect, ⁹¹it shall prove me perverse.
 21 ⁹²*I am* perfect; I regard not mine *own* soul;
 I despise my life.
 22 It *is all* one; therefore I say,
 He destroyeth *the* perfect and *the* wicked.
 23 If *the* scourge slay suddenly,
 He will mock at *the* ⁹³trial of *the* innocent.
 24 *The* earth is given into *the* hand of *the* wicked;
 He covereth *the* faces of *the* judges thereof:
 If *it be* not *he*, who then *is* it?
 25 Now my days are ⁹⁴swifter than a ⁹⁵post:
 They flee away, they see no good.
 26 They are passed away as *the* ⁹⁶swift ships;

⁸⁴ *Hb.* high places of *the* sea;

⁸⁵ Gesenius and Rotherham say, the Wain (Wagon);
 Seiss and Bullinger say, the Greater Sheepfold.
The constellation now known as Ursa Major.
Cf. ch. 38:31-32.

⁸⁶ *Or,* turn him back

⁸⁷ *Or,* arrogancy See Is 30:7.

⁸⁸ *Or,* did

⁸⁹ *Hb.* He who breaketh me with a tempest,

⁹⁰ *Or,* Lo, *here am I, saith he;* and if of judgment, Who

⁹¹ *Or,* he

⁹² *Or,* *Though I be* perfect, I will not regard myself;

⁹³ *Or,* calamity

⁹⁴ *Lit.* lighter

⁹⁵ *Or,* runner:

As *the* eagle *that* swoopeth on *the* prey.
 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint,
 I will put off my *sad* countenance, and ⁹⁷be of good
 cheer;
 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows,
 I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
 29 I shall be condemned;
 Why then do I labor in vain?
 30 If I wash myself ⁹⁸with snow water,
 And ⁹⁹make my hands never so clean;
 31 Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch,
 And mine own clothes shall abhor me.
 32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am, that* I should answer
 him,
That we should come together in judgment.
 33 There ¹⁰⁰is no umpire betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.
 34 Let him take his rod away from me,
 And let not his terror make me afraid:
 35 *Then* would I speak, and not fear him;
 For I am not so in myself.

10 My soul is weary of my life;
 I will give free course to my complaint;
 I will speak in *the* bitterness of my soul.
 2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me;
 Show me wherefore thou contendest with me.
 3 *Is it* good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress,
 That thou shouldest despise *the* ¹⁰¹work of thy
 hands,
 And shine upon *the* counsel of *the* wicked?
 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh?
 Or seest thou as man seeth?
 5 *Are* thy days as *the* days of a mortal man,
 Or thy years as *the* days of a strong man,
 6 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity,
 And searchest after my sin,
 7 Although thou knowest that I am not wicked,
 And *there is* none that can deliver out of thy hand?
 8 Thy hands have framed me and fashioned me
 Together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast fashioned
 me as clay;
 And wilt thou bring me into dust again?
 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk,
 And curdled me like cheese?
 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh,
 And knit me together with bones and sinews.
 12 Thou hast granted me life and lovingkindness;
 And thy ¹⁰²visitation hath preserved my spirit.

⁹⁶ *Hb.* ships of reed;

⁹⁷ *Hb.* brighten up;

⁹⁸ *Hb*^{mg} reads with snow,

⁹⁹ *Hb.* cleanse my hands with lye;

¹⁰⁰ Sept., Aram. read O that there were an umpire *etc.*

¹⁰¹ *Hb.* labor

¹⁰² *Or,* care

13 Yet these *things* thou didst hide in thy heart;
 I know that this *is* with thee:
 14 If I sin, then thou markest me,
 And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me;
 And *if* I be righteous, *yet* shall I not lift up my head;
¹⁰³*Being* filled with ignominy,
 And looking upon mine affliction.
 16 And if *my head* exalt itself, thou huntest me as a
 lion;
 And again thou showest thyself marvellous upon me.
 17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
 And increasest thine indignation upon me:
¹⁰⁴Changes and warfare *are* with me.
 18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of
the womb?
 I had given up the breath, and no eye had seen me.
 19 I should have been as though I had not been;
 I should have been carried from *the womb* to the
 grave.
 20 *Are* not my days few? ¹⁰⁵cease *then*,
 And let me alone, that I may ¹⁰⁶take comfort a little,
 21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow of
death;
 22 *The land dark as* ¹⁰⁷midnight,
The land of the shadow of death, without any order,
And where the light is as midnight.

11 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
 2 Should not *the* multitude of words be answered?
 And should a man full of talk be justified?
 3 Should thy boastings make men hold their peace?
 And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee
 ashamed?
 4 For thou sayest, My doctrine *is* pure,
 And I am clean in thine eyes.
 5 But oh that God would speak,
 And open his lips against thee,
 6 And that he would show thee *the* secrets of wisdom!
 For *he* is manifold in understanding.
 Know therefore that God ¹⁰⁸exacteth of thee less
 than thine iniquity *deserveth*.
 7 ¹⁰⁹Canst thou by searching find out God?
 Canst thou find out *the* Almighty unto perfection?
 8 ¹¹⁰*It is* high as heaven; what canst thou do?

¹⁰³ *Or, I am filled with ignominy, but look thou upon mine affliction, 16 For it increaseth: thou huntest me as a lion;*

¹⁰⁴ *Or, Host after host is against me.*

¹⁰⁵ *Hb^{mg} reads let him cease, and leave me alone,*

¹⁰⁶ *Hb. brighten up,*

¹⁰⁷ *Hb. thick darkness (both times).*

¹⁰⁸ *Or, remitteth [Hb. causeth to be forgotten] unto thee of thine iniquity.*

¹⁰⁹ *Or, Canst thou find out the deep things of God?*

¹¹⁰ *Hb. The heights of heaven; what canst thou do?*

Deeper than Sheol; what canst thou know?
 9 *The* measure thereof *is* longer than *the* earth,
 And broader than *the* sea.
 10 If he pass through, and shut up,
 And ¹¹¹call unto judgment, then who can hinder
 him?
 11 For he knoweth false men:
 He seeth iniquity also, ¹¹²even though he consider *it*
 not.
 12 ¹¹³But vain man is void of understanding,
 Yes, man is born *as* a wild ass's colt.
 13 If thou set thy heart aright,
 And stretch out thy hands toward him;
 14 If iniquity *be* in thy hand, put it far away,
 And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents.
 15 Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
 Yes, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:
 16 For thou shalt forget *thy* misery.
Thou shalt remember *it* as waters *that* are passed
 away.
 17 And *thy* life shall ¹¹⁴be clearer than *the* noonday;
 Though there be darkness, it shall be as the
 morning.
 18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;
 Yes, thou shalt search *about thee, and* shalt take thy
 rest in safety.
 19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee*
 afraid;
 Yes, many shall make suit unto thee.
 20 But *the* eyes of *the* wicked shall fail,
 And ¹¹⁵they shall have no way to flee;
 And their hope *shall be the* soul breathing *its last*.

12 Then Job answered and said,
 2 No doubt but ye *are the* people,
 And wisdom shall die with you.
 3 But I have understanding as well as you;
 I *am* not inferior to you:
 Yes, who knoweth not such things as these?
 4 I am *as* one that is a laughing-stock to his neighbor,
 I who called upon God, and he answered:
The just, the perfect man is a laughing-stock.
 5 In *the* thought of him that is at ease *there is*
 contempt for misfortune;
It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.
 6 *The* tents of robbers prosper,
 And they that provoke God are secure;
¹¹⁶Into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.
 7 But ask now *the* beasts, and they shall teach thee;

¹¹¹ *Hb. call an assembly,*

¹¹² *Or, and him that considereth not.*

¹¹³ *Or, But an empty man will get understanding, When a wild ass's colt is born a man.*

¹¹⁴ *Or, arise above the noonday;*

¹¹⁵ *Hb. refuge is perished from them;*

¹¹⁶ *Or, That bring their god in their hand.*

And *the* birds of *the* heavens, and they shall tell thee:
 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee;
 And *the* fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
 9 Who knoweth not ¹¹⁷in all these,
 That *the* hand of Jehovah hath wrought this,
 10 In whose hand *is the* soul of every living thing,
 And *the* ¹¹⁸breath of all mankind?
 11 Doth not *the* ear try words,
 Even as *the* palate tasteth its food?
 12 ¹¹⁹With aged men *is* wisdom,
 And in length of days understanding.
 13 With ¹²⁰*God is* wisdom and might;
 He hath counsel and understanding.
 14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again;
 He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up;
 Again, he sendeth them out, and they overturn *the* earth.
 16 With him *is* strength and wisdom;
The deceived and *the* deceiver *are* his.
 17 He leadeth counsellors away stripped,
 And judges maketh he fools.
 18 He looseth *the* bond of kings,
 And bindeth their loins with a girdle.
 19 He leadeth priests away stripped,
 And overthroweth *the* mighty.
 20 He removeth *the* speech of *the* trusty,
 And taketh away *the* understanding of *the* elders.
 21 He poureth contempt upon princes,
 And looseth *the* belt of the strong.
 22 He uncovereth deep things out of darkness,
 And bringeth out to light *the* shadow of death.
 23 He increaseth the nations, and he destroyeth them:
 He enlargeth the nations, and he leadeth them captive.
 24 He taketh away understanding from *the* chiefs of *the* people of the ¹²¹earth,
 And causeth them to wander in a wilderness *where there is* no way.
 25 They grope in *the* dark without light;
 And he maketh them to ¹²²stagger like a drunken man.
13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*,
 Mine ear hath heard and understood it.
 2 What ye know, *the same* do I know also:
 I *am* not inferior unto you.
 3 Surely I would speak to *the* Almighty,
 And I desire to reason with God.

¹¹⁷ *Or*, by all these,

¹¹⁸ *Or*, spirit *or possibly*, wind *Hb.* רוּחַ, ruach.

¹¹⁹ *Or*, With aged men, *ye say, is* wisdom,

¹²⁰ *Hb.* Him *or*, him

¹²¹ *Or*, land,

¹²² *Hb.* wander

4 But ye *are* forgers of lies;
 Ye *are* all physicians of no value.
 5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace!
 And it would be your wisdom.
 6 Hear now my reasoning,
 And hearken to *the* pleadings of my lips.
 7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God,
 And talk deceitfully for him?
 8 Will ye show partiality to him?
 Will ye contend for God?
 9 Is it good that he should search you out?
 Or as one ¹²³deceiveth a man, will ye deceive him?
 10 He will surely reprove you,
 If ye do secretly show partiality.
 11 Shall not his majesty make you afraid,
 And his dread fall upon you?
 12 Your memorable sayings *are* proverbs of ashes,
 Your defences are defences of clay.
 13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak;
 And let come on me what *will*.
 14 ¹²⁴Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth,
 And put my ¹²⁵soul in my hand?
 15 ¹²⁶Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope:
 Nevertheless I will ¹²⁷maintain my ways before him.
 16 This also *shall be* my salvation,
 That a godless man shall not come before him.
 17 Hear diligently my speech,
 And let my declaration be in your ears.
 18 Behold now, I have set *my* cause in order;
 I know that I ¹²⁸am righteous.
 19 Who *is* he *that* will contend with me?
 For then ¹²⁹would I hold my peace and give up *the* breath.
 20 Only do not two *things* unto me;
 Then will I not hide myself from thy face:
 21 Withdraw thy hand far from me;
 And let not thy terror make me afraid.
 22 Then call thou, and I will answer;
 Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
 23 How many *are* mine iniquities and sins?
 Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
 And holdest me for thine enemy?
 25 Wilt thou harass a driven leaf?
 And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?
 26 For thou writest bitter things against me,
 And makest me to inherit *the* iniquities of my youth:

¹²³ *Or*, mocketh a man, will ye mock him

¹²⁴ *Or*, At all adventures I will take my flesh *etc.*

¹²⁵ *Or*, life *or*, being *Hb.* nephesh

¹²⁶ *So Hb^{txt}. Hb^{mg} Aram., Vg., Gk^{Aquila} Targ. read* Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him:

¹²⁷ *Hb.* argue

¹²⁸ *Or*, shall be justified.

¹²⁹ *Or*, if I hold my peace, I shall give up *the* breath.

27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks,
 And markest all my paths;
 Thou settest a bound to *the* soles of my feet:
 28 ¹³⁰Though I am like a rotten thing that consumeth,
 Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 Man, *that is* born of a woman,
 Is of few days, and full of trouble.
 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and ¹³¹is cut down:
 He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
 3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one,
 And bringest me into judgment with thee?
 4 ¹³²Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean?
 not one.
 5 Seeing his days *are* determined,
 The number of his months *is* with thee,
 And thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot
 pass;

6 Look away from him, that he may ¹³³rest,
 Till he shall ¹³⁴accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
 7 For there is hope of a tree,
 If it be cut down, that it will sprout again,
 And that *the* tender branch thereof will not cease.
 8 Though *the* root thereof wax old in the earth,
 And *the* stock thereof die in the ground;
 9 Yet through *the* scent of water it will bud,
 And put forth boughs like a plant.
 10 But man dieth, and is laid low:
 Yes, man giveth up *the* ¹³⁵breath, and where *is* he?
 11 As *the* waters fail from *the* sea,
 And *the* river wasteth and drieth up;
 12 So man lieth down and riseth not:
 Till *the* heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake,
 Nor be roused out of their sleep.
 13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in Sheol,
 That thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath
 be past,
 That thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and
 remember me!
 14 If a man die, shall he live *again*?
 All *the* days of my warfare ¹³⁶would I wait,
 Till my ¹³⁷release should come.
 15 ¹³⁸Thou wouldest call, and I would answer thee:
 Thou wouldest have a desire to *the* work of thy
 hands.
 16 But now thou numberest my steps:
 Dost thou not watch over my sin?

¹³⁰ *Hb.* And he is like a rotten thing that consumeth,

¹³¹ *Or,* withereth:

¹³² *Or,* Oh that a clean *thing* could come out of an unclean! not one *can*.

¹³³ *Hb.* cease,

¹³⁴ *Or,* have pleasure in, as a hireling, his day.

¹³⁵ *Or,* spirit, *or possibly,* wind, *Hb.* רוּחַ, ruach.

¹³⁶ *Or,* will I wait, Till my release shall come.

¹³⁷ *Or,* change

¹³⁸ *Or,* Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee:

17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag,
 And thou fastenest up mine iniquity.
 18 But *the* mountain falling ¹³⁹cometh to nought;
 And *the* rock is removed out of its place;
 19 *The* waters wear *the* stones:
 The overflowings thereof wash away *the* dust of *the*
 earth:
 So thou destroyest *the* hope of man.
 20 Thou prevailest forever against him, and he passeth;
 Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him
 away.
 21 His sons come to honor, and he knoweth *it* not;
 And they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not
 of them.
 22 ¹⁴⁰But his flesh upon him hath pain,
 And his soul within him mourneth.

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
 2 Should a wise man make answer with ¹⁴¹vain
 knowledge,
 And fill himself with *the* east wind?
 3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk,
 Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
 4 Yes, thou doest away with fear,
 And ¹⁴²hinderest ¹⁴³devotion before God.
 5 For ¹⁴⁴thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth,
 And thou choosest *the* tongue of *the* crafty.
 6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I;
 Yes, thine own lips testify against thee.
 7 *Art* thou *the* first man *that* was born?
 Or wast thou brought forth before *the* hills?
 8 ¹⁴⁵Hast thou heard *the* secret counsel of God?
 And dost thou limit wisdom to thyself?
 9 What knowest thou, that we know not?
What understandest thou, which *is* not in us?
 10 With us *are* both *the* gray-headed and *the* very aged
 men,
Much elder than thy father.
 11 *Are* *the* consolations of God too small for thee,
¹⁴⁶Even *the* word that is gentle toward thee?
 12 Why doth thy heart carry thee away?
 And why do thine eyes flash,
 13 That against God thou turnest thy spirit,
 And lettest words go out of thy mouth?
 14 What *is* man, that he should be clean?
 And *he* *that is* born of a woman, that he should be
 righteous?

¹³⁹ *Hb.* fadeth away;

¹⁴⁰ *Or,* Only for *himself* his flesh hath pain,
 And for *himself* his soul (*or,* being) mourneth.

¹⁴¹ *Hb.* knowledge of wind,

¹⁴² *Hb.* diminisheth

¹⁴³ *Or,* meditation

¹⁴⁴ *Or,* thy mouth teacheth thine iniquity,

¹⁴⁵ *Or,* Dost thou hearken in *the* council of God

¹⁴⁶ *Or,* Or is there any secret thing with thee

15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones;
 Yes, *the* heavens are not clean in his sight:
 16 How much less ¹⁴⁷one that *is* abominable and
 corrupt,
 A man that drinketh iniquity like water!
 17 I will show thee, hear thou me;
 And that *which* I have seen I will declare:
 18 (Which wise men have told
 From their fathers, and have not hid *it*;
 19 Unto whom alone the land was given,
 And no stranger passed among them:)
 20 *The* wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days,
¹⁴⁸Even *the* number of years that are laid up for the
 oppressor.
 21 A sound of terrors *is* in his ears;
 In prosperity *the* destroyer shall come upon him:
 22 He believeth not that he shall return out of
 darkness,
 And he is waited for of *the* sword:
 23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is it*?
 He knoweth that *the* day of darkness is ready at his
 hand:
 24 Distress and anguish make him afraid;
 They prevail against him, as a king ready to the
 battle.
 25 Because he hath stretched out his hand against God,
 And ¹⁴⁹behaveth himself proudly against *the*
 Almighty;
 26 He runneth upon him with a *stiff* neck,
¹⁵⁰With *the* thick bosses of his bucklers;
 27 Because he hath covered his face with his fatness,
 And gathered fat upon *his* loins;
 28 And he hath dwelt in ¹⁵¹desolate cities,
 In houses which no man ¹⁵²inhabited,
 Which were ready to become heaps;
 29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance
 continue,
 Neither shall ¹⁵³their possessions be extended on
 the earth.
 30 He shall not depart out of darkness;
The flame shall dry up his branches,
 And by *the* breath of ¹⁵⁴*God's* mouth shall he go
 away.
 31 Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself;
 For vanity shall be his recompense.
 32 It shall be ¹⁵⁵accomplished before his time,
 And his branch shall not be green.

¹⁴⁷ *Or*, that which *is* abominable and corrupt,
¹⁴⁸ *Or*, And years that are numbered are laid up *etc.*
¹⁴⁹ *Or*, biddeth defiance to *the* Almighty;
¹⁵⁰ *Or*, Upon
¹⁵¹ *Hb.* cities cut off,
¹⁵² *Or*, would inhabit,
¹⁵³ *Or*, their produce bend to the earth.
¹⁵⁴ *Hb.* His *or*, his
¹⁵⁵ *Or*, paid in full before his time,

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine,
 And shall cast off his flower as the olive-tree.
 34 For *the* company of *the* godless *shall be* barren,
 And fire shall consume *the* tents of bribery.
 35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity,
 And their heart prepareth deceit.
16 Then Job answered and said,
 2 I have heard many such things:
¹⁵⁶Miserable comforters *are* ye all.
 3 ¹⁵⁷Shall vain words have an end?
 Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?
 4 I also could speak as ye *do*;
 If your soul were in my soul's stead,
 I could join words together against you,
 And shake my head at you.
 5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth,
 And *the* solace of my lips would assuage *your* grief.
 6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged;
 And *though* I forbear, ¹⁵⁸what am I eased?
 7 But now he hath made me weary:
 Thou hast made desolate all my company.
 8 And thou hast ¹⁵⁹laid fast hold on me, *which* is a
 witness *against me*:
 And my leanness riseth up against me,
 It testifieth to my face.
 9 He hath torn *me* in his wrath, and ¹⁶⁰persecuted me;
 He hath gnashed upon me with his teeth:
 Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me.
 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth;
 They have smitten me upon *the* cheek reproachfully:
 They gather themselves together against me.
 11 God delivereth me to *the* ungodly,
 And casteth me into *the* hands of *the* wicked.
 12 I was at ease, and he brake me asunder;
 Yes, he hath taken *me* by *the* neck, and dashed me
 to pieces:
 He hath also set me up for his mark.
 13 His ¹⁶¹archers compass me round about;
 He cleaveth my kidneys asunder, and doth not spare;
 He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach;
 He runneth upon me like a ¹⁶²giant.
 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
 And have ¹⁶³laid my horn in the dust.
 16 My face is red with weeping,
 And on my eyelids *is the* shadow of death;

¹⁵⁶ *Or*, Wearisome
¹⁵⁷ *Hb.* Shall words of wind (*or*, windy speech) have
 an end
¹⁵⁸ *Hb.* what departeth from me
¹⁵⁹ *Or*, shrivelled me up,
¹⁶⁰ *Or*, hated me;
¹⁶¹ *Or*, arrows *or*, mighty ones
¹⁶² *Or*, mighty man.
¹⁶³ *Or*, defiled

17 Although there is no violence in my hands,
And my prayer *is* pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry ¹⁶⁴have no *resting*-place.
19 Even now, behold, my witness *is* in the heavens,
And he that voucheth for me *is* in high *places*.
20 My friends scoff at me:
But mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God,
21 ¹⁶⁵That he would maintain *the* right of a man with
God,
And of a son of man with his neighbor!
22 For when a few years are come,
I shall go *the* way *whence* I shall not return.
17 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,
The grave *is* ready for me.
2 Surely *there* ¹⁶⁶*are* mockers with me,
And mine eye dwelleth upon their provocation.
3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with thyself;
Who *is* there *that* will strike hands with me?
4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding:
Therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.
5 He that denouceth *his* friends for a ¹⁶⁷prey,
Even *the* eyes of his children shall fail.
6 But he hath made me a byword of *the* people;
And they spit in my face.
7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow,
And all my members *are* as a shadow.
8 Upright *men* shall be astonished at this,
And *the* innocent shall stir up himself against *the*
godless.
9 Yet shall *the* righteous hold on his way,
And he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and
stronger.
10 But as for you all, come on now again;
¹⁶⁸And I shall not find a wise *man* among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off,
Even *the* ¹⁶⁹thoughts of my heart.
12 They change *the* night into day:
The light, *say* *they*, *is* near ¹⁷⁰unto *the* darkness.
13 ¹⁷¹If I look for Sheol as my house;
If I have spread my couch in the darkness;

¹⁶⁴ *Or*, have no *more* place.

¹⁶⁵ *Or*, That one might plead for a man with God,
As a son of man *pleadeth* for his neighbor!

¹⁶⁶ *Hb.* *is* mockery with me,

¹⁶⁷ *Hb.* portion

¹⁶⁸ *Or*, For I find not a wise *man* among you.

¹⁶⁹ *Hb.* possessions

¹⁷⁰ *Or*, because of *the* darkness.

¹⁷¹ *Or*, If I hope, Sheol *is* my house;

I have spread my couch in the darkness;

14 I have said to corruption, Thou *art* my father;
To the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my
sister;

15 *And* where now *is* my hope?

14 If I have said to ¹⁷²corruption, Thou *art* my father;
To the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister;
15 Where then *is* my hope?
And as for my hope, who shall see it?
16 It shall go down to *the* bars of Sheol,
When once there *is* rest in *the* dust.
18 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
2 How long *will* ye hunt for words?
Consider, and afterwards we will speak.
3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
And are become unclean in your sight?
4 Thou that tearest thy soul in thine anger,
Shall *the* earth be forsaken for thee?
Or shall *the* rock be removed out of its place?
5 Yes, *the* light of *the* wicked shall be put out,
And *the* ¹⁷³spark of his fire shall not shine.
6 *The* light shall be dark in his tent,
And his lamp ¹⁷⁴above him shall be put out.
7 *The* steps of his strength shall be straitened,
And his own counsel shall cast him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
And he walketh upon *the* toils.
9 A gin shall take *him* by *the* heel,
And a snare shall lay hold on him.
10 A noose *is* hid for him in the ground,
And a trap for him in *the* way.
11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side,
And shall chase him at his heels.
12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten,
And calamity *shall be* ready ¹⁷⁵at his side.
13 *The* ¹⁷⁶members of his body shall be devoured,
Yes, the firstborn of death shall devour his members.
14 He shall be rooted out of his tent wherein he
trusteth;
And ¹⁷⁷he shall be brought to *the* king of terrors.
15 ¹⁷⁸There shall dwell in his tent that *which is* none of
his:
Brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath,
And above shall his branch ¹⁷⁹be cut off.
17 His remembrance shall perish from *the* earth,
And he shall have no name in *the* street.
18 He shall be driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of *the* world.
19 He shall have neither son nor son's son among his
people,
Nor any remaining where he sojourned.

¹⁷² *Or*, the pit, *Hb.* shachath

¹⁷³ *Or*, flame of his fire

¹⁷⁴ *Or*, beside him

¹⁷⁵ *Or*, for his halting.

¹⁷⁶ *Hb.* bars of his skin shall be devoured,

¹⁷⁷ *Hb.* it shall [*or*, thou shalt] bring *him* to *etc.*

¹⁷⁸ *Or*, It shall dwell in his tent, that *it be* no *more* his:
or, ...because *it is* none of his:

¹⁷⁹ *Or*, wither.

20¹⁸⁰ They *that come* after shall be astonished at his day,
As they *that went* before were affrighted.
21 Surely such *are the* dwellings of *the* unrighteous,
And this *is the* place of *him that* knoweth not God.

19 The Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me:
Ye are not ashamed *that* ye deal hardly with me.
4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred,
Mine error remaineth with myself.
5¹⁸¹ If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against me,
And plead against me my reproach;
6 Know now that God hath¹⁸² subverted me *in my*
cause,
And hath compassed me with his net.
7 Behold, I¹⁸³ cry out of wrong, but I am not heard:
I cry for help, but *there is* no justice.
8 He hath walled up my way that I cannot pass,
And hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory,
And taken *the* crown *from* my head.
10 He hath broken me down on every side, and I am gone;
And my hope hath he plucked up like a tree.
11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me,
And he counteth me unto him as *one of* his adversaries.
12 His troops come on together,
And cast up their way against me,
And encamp round about my tent.
13 He hath put my brethren far from me,
And *those of* mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.
14 My kinsfolk have failed,
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 They that¹⁸⁴ dwell in my house, and my maids,
count me for a stranger:
I am an alien in their sight.
16 I call unto my servant, and he giveth *me* no answer,
Though I entreat him with my mouth.
17 My breath is strange to my wife,
And¹⁸⁵ my supplication to *the* children¹⁸⁶ of mine
own mother.
18 Even young children despise me;
If I arise, they speak against me.

¹⁸⁰ Or, They that dwell in *the* west are astonished at his day,
As they that dwell in *the* east are affrighted.

¹⁸¹ Or, Will ye indeed magnify ... my reproach?

¹⁸² Or, overthrown me,

¹⁸³ Or, cry out, Violence!

¹⁸⁴ Or, sojourn

¹⁸⁵ Or, I make supplication to *or*, I am loathsome to

¹⁸⁶ Or, of my body,

19 All¹⁸⁷ my familiar friends abhor me,
And they whom I loved are turned against me.
20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,
And I am escaped with *the* skin of my teeth.
21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my
friends;
For *the* hand of God hath touched me.
22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?
23 Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were inscribed in *a* book!
24 That with an iron pen and lead
They were graven in the rock for ever!
25 For *as to* me, I know *that* my¹⁸⁸ Ransomer liveth,
And¹⁸⁹ at last¹⁹⁰ he shall rise upon *this* dust:
26¹⁹¹ And after my skin is destroyed, *even* *this* body,
Yet apart from *this* my flesh shall I see God;
27 Whom I, even I, shall see,¹⁹² on my side,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.
My¹⁹³ heart is consumed within me.
28 If ye say, How we will persecute him!
And that *the* root of *the* matter is found in me;
29 Be ye afraid of *the* sword:
For¹⁹⁴ wrath *bringeth* *the* punishments of *the* sword,
That ye may know *there is* that judgment.

20 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2 Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me,
¹⁹⁵ Even by reason of my haste *that is* in me.
3 I have heard *the* reproof *which* putteth me to shame;
¹⁹⁶ And *the* spirit of my understanding answereth me.
4 Knowest thou *not* this of old time,
Since man was placed upon earth,
5 That *the* triumphing of *the* wicked *is* short,
And *the* joy of *the* godless *but* for a moment?
6 Though his height mount up to the heavens,
And his head reach unto the clouds;
7 *Yet* he shall perish for ever like his own dung:
They that have seen him shall say, Where is he?
8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be
found:
Yes, he shall be chased away as a vision of *the*
night.

¹⁸⁷ Hb. *the* men of my council abhor me,

¹⁸⁸ Or, vindicator Hb. *goēl*

¹⁸⁹ Or, at *the* last *day* he shall rise *etc.*

¹⁹⁰ Hb. ...*the* dust *or*, he will stand up upon *the* earth

¹⁹¹ Or, And after my skin hath been thus struck off,
Yet from my flesh shall I see God;

or, And after my skin is struck off, *this will be*, Yet

¹⁹² Or, for myself,

¹⁹³ Hb. kidneys (*or*, reins) are consumed

¹⁹⁴ Or, wrathful *are the* punishments of *the* sword,

¹⁹⁵ Or, And by reason of *this* my haste *is* within me.

¹⁹⁶ Or, But out of my understanding, *my* spirit
answereth me.

9 The eye *which* saw him shall *see him* no more;
Neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 ¹⁹⁷His children shall seek *the* favor of *the* poor,
And his hands shall give back his wealth.

11 His bones are full of his youth,
But it shall lie down with him in *the* dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
Though he hide it under his tongue,

13 *Though* he spare it, and will not let it go,
But keep it still within his mouth;

14 *Yet* his food in his bowels is turned,
It is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit
them up again;
God will cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck *the* poison of asps:
The viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not look upon *the* rivers,
The flowing streams of honey and butter.

18 *That which* he labored for *shall he* restore, and
shall not swallow *it* down;
According to *the* substance ¹⁹⁸*that* he hath gotten,
he shall not rejoice.

19 For he hath oppressed *and* forsaken *the* poor;
He hath violently taken away a house, ¹⁹⁹and he
shall not build *it* up.

20 Because he knoweth no quietness ²⁰⁰within him,
He shall not save aught of that wherein he
delighteth.

21 There was nothing left that he devoured not;
Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.

22 In *the* fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in
straits:
The hand of every one that is in misery shall come
upon him.

23 ²⁰¹*When* he is about to fill his belly,
God will cast *the* fierceness of his wrath upon him,
And will rain *it* upon him ²⁰²while he *is* eating.

24 He shall flee from *the* iron weapon,
And *the* bow of copper shall strike him through.

25 He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of his body;
Yes, *the* glittering point cometh out of his gall:
Terrors *are* upon him.

26 All darkness *is* laid up for his treasures:
A fire not blown *by man* shall devour him;
²⁰³It shall consume that *which is* left in his tent.

¹⁹⁷ Hb^{mg} reads *The* poor shall oppress his children,
¹⁹⁸ Hb. of his exchange,
¹⁹⁹ Or, *which* he builded not.
²⁰⁰ Or, in his greed, Hb. in his belly,
²⁰¹ Or, Let it be for *the* filling of his belly *that God*
shall cast *the* fierceness of his wrath upon him,
²⁰² Or, as his food.
²⁰³ Or, It shall go ill with him *that is* left in his tent.

27 *The* heavens shall reveal his iniquity,
And *the* earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart;
His goods shall flow away in *the* day of his wrath.

29 This *is the* portion of a wicked man from God,
And *the* heritage appointed unto him by God.

21 Then Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech;
And let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me, and I also will speak;
And after that I have spoken, ²⁰⁴mock on.

4 *As for* me, *is* my complaint ²⁰⁵to man?
And why should I not be impatient?

5 ²⁰⁶Mark me, and be astonished,
And lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.

6 Even when I remember I am troubled,
And horror taketh hold on my flesh.

7 Wherefore do *the* wicked live,
Become old, yes, wax mighty *in* power?

8 Their seed is established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses *are* ²⁰⁷safe from fear,
Neither *is the* rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not;
Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like *a* flock,
And their children dance.

12 They ²⁰⁸sing to *the* timbrel and harp,
And rejoice at *the* sound of the pipe.

13 They spend their days in prosperity,
And in a moment they *shall* go down to Sheol.

14 And they say unto God, Depart from us;
For we desire not *the* knowledge of thy ways.

15 What *is the* Almighty, that we should serve him?
And what profit should we have, if we pray unto
him?

16 ²⁰⁹Lo, their prosperity *is* not in their hand:
The counsel of *the* wicked is far from me.

17 ²¹⁰How oft is it that *the* lamp of *the* wicked is put
out?
That their calamity cometh upon them?
That *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger?

18 That they are as stubble before *the* wind,
And as chaff that *the* storm carrieth away?

²⁰⁴ Or, thou shalt mock.

²⁰⁵ Or, of

²⁰⁶ Hb. Look unto me,

²⁰⁷ Or, in peace, without fear,

²⁰⁸ Hb. lift up *the* voice to *the* timbrel and harp,

²⁰⁹ Or, *Ye say*, Lo, etc.

²¹⁰ Or, How oft is *the* lamp of *the* wicked put out,
And *how oft* cometh their calamity upon them!
God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 They are as stubble before *the* wind,
And as chaff that *the* storm carrieth away

19²¹¹ *Ye say*, God layeth up his iniquity for his children.
 Let him recompense it unto himself, that he may know *it*:
 20 Let his own eyes see his destruction,
 And let him drink of *the* wrath of *the* Almighty.
 21 For what careth he for his house after him,
 When *the* number of his months is cut off?
 22 Shall *anyone* teach God knowledge,
 Seeing he judgeth those that are high?
 23 One dieth in his full strength,
 Being wholly at ease and quiet:
 24 His pails are full of milk,
 And *the* marrow of his bones is moistened.
 25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul,
 And never tasteth of good.
 26 They lie down alike in *the* dust,
 And *the* worm covereth them.
 27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
 And *the* devices *wherewith* ye would wrong me.
 28 For ye say, Where *is* *the* house of *the* prince?
 And where *is* *the* tent wherein *the* wicked dwelt?
 29 Have ye not asked wayfaring men?
 And do ye not know their ²¹²evidences,
 30 That *the* evil man is ²¹³reserved to *the* day of calamity?
 That they are ²¹⁴led forth to *the* day of wrath?
 31 Who shall declare his way to his face?
 And who shall repay him *what* he hath done?
 32²¹⁵ Yet shall he be borne to *the* graves,
 And *men* shall keep watch over *the* tomb.
 33 *The* clods of *the* valley shall be sweet unto him,
 And all men shall draw after him,
 As *there were* innumerable before him.
 34 How then comfort ye me ²¹⁶in vain,
 Seeing in your answers there remaineth *only*
²¹⁷falsehood?

22 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
 2 Can a man be profitable unto God?
 Surely he that is wise is profitable unto himself.
 3 *Is it* any pleasure to *the* Almighty, that thou art righteous?

²¹¹ *Or*, God layeth up his iniquity for his children:
 He rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*.
 20 His eyes shall see his destruction,
 And he shall drink of *the* wrath of *the* Almighty.
²¹² *Lit.* signs,
²¹³ *Or*, spared in *the* day of calamity
²¹⁴ *Or*, led away in *the* day of wrath
²¹⁵ *Or*, Moreover he is borne to *the* grave,
 And keepeth watch over *his* tomb.
 33 *The* clods of *the* valley are sweet unto him;
 And all men draw after him,
²¹⁶ *Or*, with vanity,
²¹⁷ *Or*, faithlessness

Or *is it* gain to *him*, that thou makest thy ways perfect?
 4 Is it ²¹⁸for thy fear of *him* that he reproveth thee,
 That he entereth with thee into judgment?
 5 *Is* not thy wickedness great?
 Neither is there any end to thine iniquities.
 6 For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought,
 And stripped *the* naked of their clothing.
 7 Thou hast not given water to *the* weary to drink,
 And thou hast withholden bread from *the* hungry.
 8 But *as for* ²¹⁹*the* mighty man, he had the ²²⁰earth;
 And ²²¹*the* honorable man, he dwelt in it.
 9 Thou hast sent widows away empty,
 And *the* arms of *the* fatherless have been broken.
 10 Therefore snares *are* round about thee,
 And sudden fear troubleth thee,
 11 ²²²Or darkness, so *that* thou canst not see,
 And abundance of waters cover thee.
 12 *Is* not God in *the* height of heaven?
 And behold *the* ²²³height of *the* stars, how high they are!
 13 And thou sayest, What doth God know?
 Can he judge through *the* thick darkness?
 14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, so that he seeth not;
 And he walketh on *the* vault of heaven.
 15 ²²⁴Wilt thou keep *the* old way
 Which wicked men have trodden?
 16 Who were snatched away before their time,
 Whose foundation was poured out as a stream,
 17 Who said unto God, Depart from us;
 And, What can *the* Almighty do ²²⁵for ²²⁶us?
 18 Yet he filled their houses with good *things*:
 But *the* counsel of *the* wicked is far from me.
 19 *The* righteous see *it*, and are glad;
 And *the* innocent laugh them to scorn,
 20 *Saying*, Surely they that did rise up against us are cut off,
 And ²²⁷*the* remnant of them *the* fire hath consumed.
 21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:
²²⁸Thereby good shall come unto thee.

²¹⁸ *Or*, for fear of thee that he reproveth thee,
²¹⁹ *Hb.* *the* man of arm,
²²⁰ *Or*, land;
²²¹ *Hb.* he whose person is accepted,
²²² *Or*, Or dost thou not see *the* darkness,
 And *the* flood of waters that covereth thee?
²²³ *Hb.* head
²²⁴ *Or*, Dost thou mark *the* old way
²²⁵ *Or*, to us
²²⁶ *Hb.* them
²²⁷ *Or*, that which remained to them
 or, their abundance
²²⁸ *Hb*^{mg} *reads* Thereby shall thine increase be good.

22 Receive, I pray thee, ²²⁹*the* law from his mouth,
And lay up his words in thy heart.
23 If thou return to *the* Almighty, thou shalt be built
up,
²³⁰If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy
tents.
24 And lay thou *thy* ²³¹treasure ²³²in the dust,
And *the gold of Ophir* among *the* stones of *the*
brooks;
25 And *the* Almighty will be thy treasure,
And ²³³precious silver unto thee.
26 For then shalt thou delight thyself in *the* Almighty,
And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he will
hear thee;
And thou shalt pay thy vows.
28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be
established unto thee;
And light shall shine upon thy ways.
29 When they ²³⁴cast *thee* down, thou shalt say, *There*
is lifting up;
And ²³⁵*the* humble person he will save.
30 He will deliver *even* him that is not innocent:
Yes, he shall be delivered through *the* cleanness of
thy hands.
23 Then Job answered and said,
2 Even today *is* my complaint ²³⁶rebellious:
My stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh that I knew where I might find him!
That I might come *even* to his seat!
4 I would set *my* cause in order before him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know *the* words *which* he would answer me,
And understand what he would say unto me.
6 Would he contend with me in *the* greatness of *his*
power?
No; ²³⁷but he would give heed unto me.
7 There *the* upright might reason with him;
So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go ²³⁸forward, but he *is* not *there*;
And backward, but I cannot perceive him;
9 On *the* left hand, when he doth work, but I cannot
behold *him*;
He ²³⁹hideth himself on *the* right hand, that I cannot
see *him*.

²²⁹ Or, instruction from his mouth,

²³⁰ Or, Thou shalt put away unrighteousness...

24 And shalt lay up *thy* treasure in *the* dust,

²³¹ Hb. ore Also in vs. 25.

²³² Or, on *the* earth,

²³³ Or, precious silver shall be thine.

²³⁴ Or, are made low,

²³⁵ Hb. him that is lowly of eyes he will save.

²³⁶ Or, bitter: or, accounted rebellion:

²³⁷ Or, he would only give heed unto me.

²³⁸ Or, east, ... west, ... north, ... south,

10 ²⁴⁰But he knoweth ²⁴¹*the* way that I take;
When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11 My foot hath held fast to his steps;
His way have I kept, and turned not aside.
12 I have not gone back from *the* commandment of his
lips;
I have treasured up *the* words of his mouth ²⁴²more
than my ²⁴³necessary food.
13 But ²⁴⁴he *is* one, and who can turn him?
And *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.
14 For he performeth *that which is* appointed for me:
And many *such things* are with him.
15 Therefore am I terrified at his presence;
When I consider, I am afraid of him.
16 For God hath made my heart faint,
And *the* Almighty hath terrified me;
17 ²⁴⁵Because I was not cut off before *the* darkness,
Neither did he cover *the* thick darkness from my
face.
24 ²⁴⁶Why are times not laid up by *the* Almighty?
And why do not they that know him see his days?
2 *There are that* remove *the* landmarks;
They violently take away flocks, and feed *them*.
3 They drive away *the* ass of *the* fatherless;
They take *the* widow's ox for a pledge.
4 They turn *the* needy out of *the* way:
The ²⁴⁷poor of *the* earth all hide themselves.
5 Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert
They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for
²⁴⁸food;
The wilderness *yieldeth* them bread for their
children.
6 They cut ²⁴⁹their provender in the field;
And they glean *the* vintage of *the* wicked.
7 They lie all night naked without clothing,
And *have* no covering in the cold.
8 They are wet with *the* showers of *the* mountains,
And embrace *the* rock for want of a shelter.
9 There are that pluck *the* fatherless from *the* breast,
And ²⁵⁰take a pledge of *the* poor;

²³⁹ Or, turneth himself to *the* ... *him*, but he knoweth

²⁴⁰ Or, For

²⁴¹ Hb. *the* way *that is* with me;

²⁴² Or, more than my own law.

²⁴³ Or, portion. See Pr 30:8.

²⁴⁴ Or, he *is* in one *mind*,

²⁴⁵ Or, For I am not dismayed because of *the* darkness,
Nor because thick darkness covereth my face.

²⁴⁶ Or, Why is it, seeing times are not hidden from *the*
Almighty,

That they who know him see not his days?

²⁴⁷ Or, meek

²⁴⁸ Hb. the prey;

²⁴⁹ Or, his

²⁵⁰ Or, take in pledge that *which is* on *the* poor;

10 *So that* they go about naked without clothing,
 And being hungry they carry *the* sheaves.
 11 They make oil within *the* walls of these men;
 They tread *their* winepresses, and suffer thirst.
 12 ²⁵¹From out of *the* populous city men groan,
 And *the* soul of *the* wounded crieth out:
 Yet God regardeth not *the* folly.
 13 These are of them that rebel against *the* light;
 They know not *the* ways thereof,
 Nor abide in *the* paths thereof.
 14 *The* murderer riseth with *the* light;
 He killeth *the* poor and needy;
 And in the night he is as *a* thief.
 15 *The* eye also of *the* adulterer waiteth for *the* twilight,
 Saying, No eye shall see me:
 And ²⁵²he disguiseth *his* face.
 16 In the dark they dig through houses:
²⁵³They shut themselves up in *the* daytime;
 They know not *the* light.
 17 For *the* morning *is* to all of them as thick darkness;
 For they know *the* terrors of *the* thick darkness.
 18 ²⁵⁴Swiftly they *pass away* upon *the* face of *the*
 waters;
 Their portion is cursed in the earth:
 They turn not into *the* way of *the* vineyards.
 19 Drought and heat ²⁵⁵consume *the* snow waters:
So doth Sheol *those that* have sinned.
 20 *The* womb shall forget him;
The worm shall feed sweetly on him;
 He shall be no more remembered:
 And unrighteousness shall be broken ²⁵⁶as a tree.
 21 He devoureth *the* barren *that* beareth not,
 And doeth not good to *the* widow.
 22 Yet *God* preserveth *the* mighty by his power:
 He riseth up *that* hath no assurance of life.
 23 *God* giveth them *to be* in security, and they rest
 thereon;
²⁵⁷And his eyes *are* upon their ways.
 24 They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are
 gone;
²⁵⁸Yes, they are brought low, they shall be ²⁵⁹taken
 out of *the* way as all *others*,
 And shall be cut off as *the* tops of *the* ears of grain.
 25 And if *it be* not *so* now, who will prove me a liar,
 And make my speech nothing worth?

25 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

²⁵¹ *Hb.* From out of *the* city of men *do* men groan,
²⁵² *Or,* he putteth a covering on his face.
²⁵³ *Or,* *Which* they had marked for themselves in
²⁵⁴ *Or,* *Ye say,* Swiftly they *etc.* *Hb.* Swift is he *etc.*
²⁵⁵ *Hb.* violently take away *the* snow waters:
²⁵⁶ *Or,* as a tree; even he that devoureth *the* barren *etc.*
²⁵⁷ *Or,* But
²⁵⁸ *Or,* And when they are brought low,
²⁵⁹ *Or,* gathered in *the* way as all *others*,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him;
 He maketh peace in his high places.
 3 Is there any number of his armies?
 And upon whom doth not his light arise?
 4 How then can man be just ²⁶⁰with God?
 Or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?
 5 Behold, even *the* moon hath no brightness,
 And *the* stars are not pure in his sight:
 6 How much less ²⁶¹man, *that is* a worm!
 And *the* son of man, *that is* a scarlet worm!
26 Then Job answered and said,
 2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power!
How hast thou saved *the* arm *that hath* no strength!
 3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom,
 And plentifully declared sound knowledge!
 4 To whom hast thou uttered words?
 And whose ²⁶²breath came forth from thee?
 5 ²⁶³They *that* are deceased tremble
 Beneath *the* waters and *the* inhabitants thereof.
 6 Sheol *is* naked before ²⁶⁴*God*,
 And ²⁶⁵Abaddon hath no covering.
 7 He stretcheth out *the* north over empty space,
 And hangeth *the* earth ²⁶⁶upon nothing.
 8 He bindeth up *the* waters in his thick clouds;
 And *the* cloud is not rent under them.
 9 He incloseth *the* face of his throne,
 And spreadeth his cloud upon it.
 10 He hath described a boundary upon *the* face of *the*
 waters,
 Unto *the* confines of light and darkness.
 11 *The* pillars of heaven tremble
 And are astonished at his rebuke.
 12 He ²⁶⁷stilleth the sea with his power,
 And by his understanding he smiteth through Rahab.
 13 By his Spirit *the* heavens are ²⁶⁸garnished;
 His hand hath pierced *the* ²⁶⁹swift serpent.
 14 Lo, these *are but the* outskirts of his ways:
 And ²⁷⁰how small a whisper ²⁷¹do we hear of him!
 But *the* thunder of his ²⁷²power who can
 understand?

27 And Job again took up his parable, and said,
 2 As *God* liveth, *who* hath taken away my right,

²⁶⁰ *Or,* before
²⁶¹ man ... man *Hb.* enosh ... Adam
²⁶² *Or,* spirit
²⁶³ *Or,* The shades *Hb.* The Rephaim
²⁶⁴ *Or,* him,
²⁶⁵ *Or,* Destruction
²⁶⁶ *Or,* over nothing.
²⁶⁷ *Or,* stirreth up the sea with his power,
²⁶⁸ *Hb.* beauty;
²⁶⁹ *Or,* fleeing serpent. *or,* gliding serpent.
²⁷⁰ *Or,* how little a portion
²⁷¹ *Or,* is heard of him!
²⁷² *Or,* mighty deeds who can understand

And *the* Almighty, *who* hath ²⁷³vexed my soul;
 3 ²⁷⁴(For my life *is* yet whole in me,
 And *the* breath of God *is* in my nostrils;)
 4 *Surely* my lips ²⁷⁵shall not speak unrighteousness,
 Neither ²⁷⁶shall my tongue utter deceit.
 5 Far be it from me that I should justify you:
 Till I die I will not put away mine integrity from me.
 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go:
 My heart ²⁷⁷shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.
 7 Let mine enemy be as *the* wicked,
 And let him that riseth up against me be as *the*
 unrighteous.
 8 For what *is* *the* hope of *the* godless, ²⁷⁸though he get
 him gain,
 When God taketh away his soul?
 9 Will God hear his cry,
 When trouble cometh upon him?
 10 Will he delight himself in *the* Almighty,
 And call upon God at all times?
 11 I will teach you concerning *the* hand of God;
That which *is* with *the* Almighty will I not conceal.
 12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it*;
 Why then are ye become altogether vain?
 13 This *is* *the* portion of a wicked man with God,
 And *the* heritage of oppressors, *which* they receive
 from *the* Almighty:
 14 If his children be multiplied, *it is* for *the* sword;
 And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death,
 And his widows shall make no lamentation.
 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust,
 And prepare raiment as the clay;
 17 He may prepare *it*, but *the* just shall put *it* on,
 And *the* innocent shall divide *the* silver.
 18 He buildeth his house as the moth,
 And as a booth *which* *the* keeper maketh.
 19 He lieth down rich, but he shall not be gathered *to*
his fathers;
 He openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.
 20 Terrors overtake him like waters;
 A tempest stealeth him away in *the* night.
 21 *The* east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth;
 And it sweepeth him out of his place.
 22 For *God* shall hurl at him, and not spare:
 He would fain flee out of his hand.
 23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him,
 And shall hiss him out of his place.
28 ²⁷⁹*Surely* there is a mine for silver,

²⁷³ *Hb.* made my soul bitter;
²⁷⁴ *Or,* (All *the* while my breath *is* in me, and *the* spirit
 of God *is* in my nostrils;) *surely* my lips *etc.*
²⁷⁵ *Or,* do not speak unrighteousness,
²⁷⁶ *Or,* doth my tongue utter deceit.
²⁷⁷ *Or,* doth not reproach *me* for any of my days.
²⁷⁸ *Or,* when God cutteth him off, when he taketh away
²⁷⁹ *Or,* For

And a place for gold *which* they refine.
 2 Iron is taken out of *the* earth,
 And copper *is* molten out of *the* stone.
 3 *Man* setteth an end to darkness,
 And searcheth out, to *the* furthest bound,
The stones of obscurity and of thick darkness.
 4 ²⁸⁰He breaketh open a shaft away from where men
 sojourn;
 They *are* forgotten of *the* foot;
 They hang afar from men, they ²⁸¹swing to and fro.
 5 *As* for *the* earth, out of it cometh bread;
 And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
 6 *The* stones thereof *are* *the* place of sapphires,
²⁸²And it *hath* dust of gold.
 7 *That* path no bird of prey knoweth,
 Neither hath *the* falcon's eye seen *it*;
 8 *The* ²⁸³proud beasts have not trodden it,
 Nor hath *the* fierce lion passed thereby.
 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock;
 He overturneth *the* mountains by *the* roots.
 10 He cutteth out ²⁸⁴channels among the rocks;
 And his eye seeth every precious thing.
 11 He bindeth *the* streams ²⁸⁵that they trickle not;
 And *the* thing *that is* hid bringeth he forth to light.
 12 But where shall wisdom be found?
 And where *is* *the* place of understanding?
 13 Man knoweth not *the* price thereof;
 Neither is it found in *the* land of the living.
 14 *The* deep saith, *It is* not in me;
 And *the* sea saith, *It is* not with me.
 15 It cannot be gotten for ²⁸⁶gold,
 Neither shall silver be weighed *for* *the* price thereof.
 16 It cannot be valued with *the* gold of Ophir,
 With *the* precious ²⁸⁷onyx, or *the* sapphire.
 17 Gold and glass cannot equal it,
 Neither *shall* it *be* exchanged *for* ²⁸⁸jewels of fine
 gold.
 18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal:
 Yes, *the* price of wisdom *is* above ²⁸⁹rubies.
 19 *The* topaz of ²⁹⁰Cush shall not equal it,

²⁸⁰ *Or,* *The* flood breaketh out from where men
 sojourn;
Even *the* waters forgotten of *the* foot:
 They are diminished, they are gone away from
 man.
²⁸¹ *Or,* flit to and fro.
²⁸² *Or,* And he *winneth* lumps of gold.
²⁸³ *Hb.* sons of pride have not trodden it,
²⁸⁴ *Or,* passages
²⁸⁵ *Hb.* from weeping;
²⁸⁶ *Or,* treasure,
²⁸⁷ *Or,* beryl,
²⁸⁸ *Or,* vessels
²⁸⁹ *Or,* red coral. *Or,* pearls.
²⁹⁰ *That is,* Ethiopia *or,* Black Africa

Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
 20 Whence then cometh wisdom?
 And where *is* the place of understanding?
 21 Seeing it is hid from *the* eyes of all living,
 And kept close from *the* birds of the heavens.
 22²⁹¹ Destruction and Death say,
 We have heard a rumor thereof with our ears.
 23 God understandeth *the* way thereof,
 And he knoweth the place thereof.
 24 For he looketh to *the* ends of the earth,
 And seeth under the whole heavens;
 25²⁹² To make a weight for the wind:
 Yes, he meteth out *the* waters by measure.
 26 When he made a decree for the rain,
 And a way for *the* lightning of *the* thunder;
 27 Then did he see it, and ²⁹³ declare it;
 He established it, yes, and searched it out.
 28 And unto men he said,
 Behold, *the* fear of ²⁹⁴ Jehovah, that *is* wisdom;
 And to depart from evil *is* understanding.
29 And Job again took up his parable, and said,
 2 Oh that I *were* as in the months of old
 As in *the* days when God watched over me;
 3 When his lamp shined ²⁹⁵ upon my head,
 And by his light I walked *through* darkness;
 4 As I was in ²⁹⁶ *the* ripeness of my days,
 When *the* ²⁹⁷ friendship of God *was* upon my tent;
 5 When *the* Almighty *was* yet with me,
 And my children *were* about me;
 6 When my steps were washed with butter,
 And *the* rock poured me out streams of oil!
 7 When I went forth to *the* gate unto *the* city,
 When I prepared my seat in the ²⁹⁸ street,
 8 *The* young men saw me and hid themselves,
 And *the* aged rose up *and* stood;
 9 *The* princes refrained from talking,
 And laid *their* hand on their mouth;
 10 *The* voice of *the* nobles was ²⁹⁹ hushed,
 And their tongue cleaved to *the* roof of their mouth.
 11 For when *the* ear heard *me*, then it blessed me;
 And when *the* eye saw *me*, it gave witness unto me:
 12 Because I delivered *the* poor that cried,
The fatherless ³⁰⁰ also, *that had* none to help him.

²⁹¹ *Hb.* Abaddon

²⁹² *Or,* When he maketh a weight for the wind:

²⁹³ *Or,* recount

²⁹⁴ Sopherim *changed to,* *the* Lord,

²⁹⁵ *Or,* above

²⁹⁶ *Hb.* my days of autumn,

²⁹⁷ *Or,* counsel of God

²⁹⁸ *Or,* broad place,

²⁹⁹ *Hb.* hid,

³⁰⁰ *Or,* and *him that had* none to help him.

13 *The* blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me;
 And I caused *the* widow's heart to sing for joy.
 14 I put on righteousness, and it ³⁰¹ clothed me:
 My justice *was* as a robe and a ³⁰² diadem.
 15 I was eyes to the blind,
 And feet *was* I to the lame.
 16 I *was* a father to the needy:
 And ³⁰³ *the* cause of *him that* I knew not I searched out.
 17 And I brake *the* ³⁰⁴ jaws of *the* unrighteous,
 And plucked *the* prey out of his teeth.
 18 Then I said, I shall die ³⁰⁵ in my nest,
 And I shall multiply *my* days as the sand:
 19 My root *is* ³⁰⁶ spread out ³⁰⁷ to *the* waters,
 And *the* dew lieth all night upon my branch:
 20 My glory *is* fresh in me,
 And my bow is renewed in my hand.
 21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited,
 And kept silence for my counsel.
 22 After my words they spake not again;
 And my speech distilled upon them.
 23 And they waited for me as for the rain;
 And they opened their mouth wide *as* for *the* latter rain.
 24 I smiled on them, *when* they had no confidence;
 And *the* light of my countenance they cast not down.
 25 I chose out their way, and sat *as* chief,
 And dwelt as a king in the army,
 As one *that* comforteth *the* mourners.
30 But now *they that are* younger than I have me in derision,
 Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs of my flock.
 2 Yes, *the* strength of their hands, whereto *should it* profit me?
Men in whom ³⁰⁸ ripe age is perished.
 3 *They are* gaunt with want and famine;
³⁰⁹ They gnaw *the* dry ground, ³¹⁰ in *the* gloom of wasteness and desolation.
 4 They pluck salt-wort by *the* bushes;
 And *the* roots of *the* broom *are* ³¹¹ their food.
 5 They are driven forth from *the* midst of *men*;
 They cry after them *as after* a thief;

³⁰¹ *Or,* clothed *itself* with me:

³⁰² *Or,* turban.

³⁰³ *Or,* *the* cause *which* I knew not I searched out.

³⁰⁴ *Hb.* great teeth of *the* unrighteous,

³⁰⁵ *Or,* beside *Hb.* with

³⁰⁶ *Hb.* opened

³⁰⁷ *Or,* by

³⁰⁸ *Or,* vigor is perished.

³⁰⁹ *Or,* They flee into *the* wilderness, into *the* gloom

³¹⁰ *Or,* *which* yesternight *was or,* on *the* eve of

³¹¹ *Or,* to warm them.

6 *So that they dwell in frightful valleys,
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.*
7 Among *the* bushes they bray;
Under *the* ³¹²nettles they ³¹³are gathered together.
8 *They are* children of fools, yes, children of ³¹⁴base
men;
They ³¹⁵were scourged out of the land.
9 And now I am become their song,
Yes, I am a byword unto them.
10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me,
And spare not to spit ³¹⁶in my face.
11 For he hath loosed ³¹⁷his cord, and afflicted me;
And they have cast off *the* bridle before me.
12 Upon *my right hand* rise *the* ³¹⁸rabble;
They thrust aside my feet,
And they cast up against me their ways of
destruction.
13 They mar my path,
They set forward my calamity,
Even men that have no helper.
14 ³¹⁹As through a wide breach they come:
In *the* midst of *the* ruin they roll themselves upon
me.
15 Terrors are turned upon me;
They chase mine honor as the wind;
And my welfare is passed away as a cloud.
16 And now my ³²⁰soul is poured out ³²¹within me;
Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
17 In *the* night season my bones are ³²²pierced ³²³in me,
And ³²⁴*the* pains that gnaw me take no rest.
18 By *God's* great force is my garment disfigured;
It bindeth me about as *the* collar of my coat.
19 He hath cast me into the mire,
And I am become like dust and ashes.
20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not answer me:
I stand up, and thou gazest at me.
21 Thou art turned to be cruel to me;
With the might of thy hand thou persecutest me.
22 Thou liftest me up to *the* wind, thou causest me to
ride upon it;
And thou dissolvest me in *the* storm.
23 For I know *that* thou wilt bring me to death,
And to ³²⁵*the* house appointed for all living.

³¹² *Or*, wild vetches

³¹³ *Or*, stretch themselves.

³¹⁴ *Hb.* men of no name;

³¹⁵ *Or*, are outcasts from the land.

³¹⁶ *Or*, at the sight of me. *Lit.* from my faces.

³¹⁷ *Hb*^{mg} reads my cord *or*, bowstring

³¹⁸ *Or*, brood;

³¹⁹ *Or*, As a wide breaking in of waters they come:

³²⁰ *Or*, life

³²¹ *Hb.* upon me;

³²² *Or*, corroded and drop away from me,

³²³ *Hb.* from off me,

³²⁴ *Or*, my sinews take no rest.

24 Howbeit doth not one stretch out *the* hand in *his*
fall?
Or in his calamity therefore cry for help?
25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble?
Was *not* my soul grieved for the needy?
26 When I looked for good, then evil came;
And when I waited for light, there came darkness.
27 My heart is troubled, and resteth not;
Days of affliction are come upon me.
28 I go ³²⁶mourning without *the* sun:
I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.
29 I am a brother to jackals,
And a companion to ostriches.
30 My skin is black, and falleth from me,
And my bones are burned with heat.
31 Therefore is my harp turned to mourning,
And my pipe into *the* voice of them that weep.
31 I made a covenant with mine eyes;
How then should I look upon a virgin?
2 ³²⁷For what *is* *the* portion from God above,
And *the* heritage from *the* Almighty on high?
3 *Is it* not calamity to *the* unrighteous,
And disaster to *the* workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not he see my ways,
And number all my steps?
5 If I have walked with falsehood,
And my foot hath hastened to deceit;
6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance,
That God may know mine integrity;)
7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
And my heart walked after mine eyes,
And if any spot hath cleaved to my hands:
8 *Then* let me sow, and let another eat;
Yes, let ³²⁸*the* produce of my field be rooted out.
9 If my heart hath been enticed unto a woman,
And I have laid wait at my neighbor's door;
10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.
11 For that *were* a heinous crime;
Yes, it *were* an iniquity to be punished by the
judges;
12 For it *is* a fire *that* consumeth unto ³²⁹Destruction,
And would root out all mine increase.
13 If I have despised *the* cause of my man-servant or
of my maid-servant,
When they contended with me;
14 What then shall I do when God riseth up?
And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

³²⁵ *Or*, *the* house of meeting for all living.

³²⁶ *Or*, blackened, but not by *the* sun:

³²⁷ *Or*, For what portion *should I have* of God above,
And *what* heritage from *the* Almighty on high?
3 *Is there* not calamity to *the* unrighteous,

³²⁸ *Or*, my offspring *Hb.* my produce

³²⁹ *Hb.* Abaddon, *See* ch. 26:6.

15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him?
 And did not one fashion us in the womb?
 16 If I have withheld ³³⁰the poor from *their* desire,
 Or have caused *the* eyes of *the* widow to fail,
 17 Or have eaten my morsel alone,
 And *the* fatherless hath not eaten thereof;
 18 (No, from my youth he grew up with me as *with* a
 father,
 And *her* have I guided from my mother's womb;)
 19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing,
 Or that the needy had no covering;
 20 If his loins have not blessed me,
 And *if* he hath *not* been warmed with *the* fleece of
 my sheep;
 21 If I have lifted up my hand against *the* fatherless,
 Because I saw my help in the gate:
 22 *Then* let my shoulder fall from *the* shoulder-blade,
 And mine arm be broken from *the* bone.
 23 For calamity *from* God is a terror to me,
 And by reason of his majesty I can do nothing.
 24 If I have made gold my hope,
 And have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my
 confidence;
 25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth *was* great,
 And because my hand had gotten much;
 26 If I have beheld ³³¹the sun when it shined,
 Or *the* moon walking *in* brightness,
 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
 And ³³²my mouth hath kissed my hand:
 28 This also *were* an iniquity *to be punished* by *the*
 judges;
 For I should have denied *the* God *that is* above.
 29 If I have rejoiced at *the* destruction of him that
 hated me,
 Or lifted up myself when evil found him;
 30 (Yes, I have not suffered my ³³³mouth to sin
 By asking his soul with a curse;)
 31 If *the* men of my tent have not said,
 Who can find one that hath not been filled with his
 meat?
 32 (*The* sojourner hath not lodged in the street;
But I have opened my doors to ³³⁴the traveller;)
 33 If ³³⁵like Adam I have covered my transgressions,
 By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom;
 34 Because I feared *the* great multitude,
 And *the* contempt of families terrified me,
 So that I kept silence, *and* went not out of *the* door –
 35 Oh that I had one to hear me!
 (Lo, *here is* my ³³⁶signature, let *the* Almighty
 answer me;)

³³⁰ *Or, aught that the poor desired,*

³³¹ *Hb. the light when it shined,*

³³² *Hb. my hand hath kissed my mouth:*

³³³ *Hb. palate*

³³⁴ *Hb. the way;*

³³⁵ *Or, after the manner of men I have covered*

And *that I had the* ³³⁷indictment which mine
 adversary hath written!
 36 Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder;
 I would bind it unto me *as* a crown:
 37 I would declare unto him *the* number of my steps;
 As a prince would I ³³⁸go near unto him.
 38 If my land crieth out against me,
 And *the* furrows thereof weep together;
 39 If I have eaten *the* ³³⁹fruits thereof without money,
 Or have caused *the* owners thereof to lose *their* soul:
 40 Let ³⁴⁰thistles grow instead of wheat,
 And ³⁴¹cockle instead of barley.
 The words of Job are ended.

32 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then was kindled *the* wrath of Elihu *the* son of Barakhel the Buzite, of *the* family of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified his soul rather than God. 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had ³⁴²condemned God. 4 Now Elihu had ³⁴³waited to speak unto Job, because they *were* elder than he. 5 And when Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu *the* son of Barakhel the Buzite answered and said,

I *am* young, and ye *are* very old;
 Wherefore I held back, and durst not show you
 mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak,
 And multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8 But *there is* a spirit in man,
 And *the* breath of *the* Almighty giveth them
 understanding.

9 It is not *the* great that are wise,
 Nor *the* aged that understand justice.

10 Therefore I ³⁴⁴said, Harken to me;
 I also will show mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words,
 I listened for your reasonings,
 Whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yes, I attended unto you,
 And, behold, *there was* none that convinced Job,
 Or that answered his words, among you.

³³⁶ *Hb. mark*

³³⁷ *Hb. book*

³³⁸ *Or, present it to him.*

³³⁹ *Hb. strength*

³⁴⁰ *Or, thorns*

³⁴¹ *Or, noisome weeds instead of barley.*

³⁴² *Sopherim changed to, condemned Job.*

³⁴³ *Hb. waited for Job with words,*

³⁴⁴ *Or, say,*

13³⁴⁵ Beware lest ye say, We have found wisdom;
 God may vanquish him, not man:
 14 For he hath not directed *his* words against me;
 Neither will I answer him with your speeches.
 15 They are amazed, they answer no more:
 They have not a word to say.
 16 And shall I wait, because they speak not,
 Because they stand still, *and* answer no more?
 17 I also will answer my part,
 I also will show mine opinion.
 18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me constraineth me.
 19 Behold, my breast *is* as wine *which* hath no vent;
 Like new wineskins³⁴⁶ it is ready to burst.
 20 I will speak, that I may³⁴⁷ be refreshed;
 I will open my lips and answer.
 21 Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's person;
 Neither will I give flattering titles unto any man.
 22 For I know not to give flattering titles;
Else would my Maker soon take me away.
33 Howbeit, Job, I pray thee, hear my speech,
 And hearken to all my words.
 2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth;
 My tongue hath spoken in my³⁴⁸ mouth.
 3 My words *shall utter the* uprightness of my heart;
 And that which my lips know they shall speak
 sincerely.
 4 *The* Spirit of God hath made me,
 And *the* breath of *the* Almighty giveth me life.
 5 If thou canst, answer thou me;
 Set *thy words* in order before me, stand forth.
 6 Behold,³⁴⁹ *I am* toward God even as thou art:
 I also am formed out of *the* clay.
 7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid,
 Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.
 8 Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing,
 And I have heard *the* voice of *thy* words, *saying*,
 9³⁵⁰ I am clean, without transgression;
 I *am* innocent, neither *is there* iniquity in me:
 10 Behold, he findeth³⁵¹ occasions against me,
 He counteth me for his enemy;
 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
 He marketh all my paths.
 12 Behold,³⁵² I will answer thee, *in* this thou art not
 just;
 For God is greater than man.

³⁴⁵ *Or*, Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom;
 God thrusteth him down, not man:
 14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against me;
³⁴⁶ *Or*, which are ready to burst.
³⁴⁷ *Or*, find relief;
³⁴⁸ *Hb.* palate.
³⁴⁹ *Or*, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead:
³⁵⁰ ch. 10:7; 13:18, 23-27; 31:4.
³⁵¹ *Or*, causes of alienation,
³⁵² *Or*, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee; for

13 Why dost thou strive against him,
 For that he giveth not account of any of his matters?
 14 For God speaketh³⁵³ once,
 Yes twice, *though man* regardeth it not.
 15 In a dream, in a vision of *the* night,
 When deep sleep falleth upon men,
 In slumberings upon *the* bed;
 16 Then he³⁵⁴ openeth *the* ears of men,
 And sealeth their instruction,
 17³⁵⁵ That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose,
 And hide pride from man;
 18³⁵⁶ He keepeth back his soul from *the* pit,
 And his life from perishing by the³⁵⁷ sword.
 19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed,
³⁵⁸ And with continual strife in his bones;
 20 So that his life abhorreth bread,
 And his soul dainty food.
 21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen;
 And his bones *that* were not seen stick out.
 22 Yes, his soul draweth near unto the pit,
 And his life to the destroyers.
 23 If there be with him³⁵⁹ an angel,
 An interpreter, one³⁶⁰ among a thousand,
 To show unto man³⁶¹ what is right for him;
 24³⁶² Then *God* is gracious unto him, and saith,
 Deliver him from going down to *the* pit,
 I have found an *atoning* payment.
 25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's;
 He returneth to *the* days of his youth.
 26 He prayeth unto God, and he is favorable unto him,
 So that he seeth his face with joy:
 And he restoreth unto man his righteousness.
 27 He³⁶³ singeth before men, and saith,
 I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right,
 And³⁶⁴ it profited me not:
 28 He hath redeemed my soul from going into the pit,
 And my life shall behold the light.
 29 Lo, all these *things* doth God work,
 Twice, *yes* thrice, with a man,

³⁵³ *Or*, in one way, yes in two,

³⁵⁴ *Hb.* uncovereth

³⁵⁵ *Or*, *That* man may put away *his* purpose,
 And *that he may* hide pride from man;

³⁵⁶ *Or*, *That* he may keep back his soul from *the* pit,

³⁵⁷ *Or*, weapons.

³⁵⁸ *Hb*^{mg} *reads* While all his bones are firm;

³⁵⁹ *Or*, a messenger,

³⁶⁰ *Or*, of *the* thousand,

³⁶¹ *Or*, his uprightness;

³⁶² *Or*, And he be gracious unto him, and say,
 Deliver him from going down to *the* pit,
 I have found a ransom:

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's;

³⁶³ *Or*, looketh upon men,

³⁶⁴ *Or*, it was not requited unto me:

or, it was not meet for me:

30 To bring back his soul from *the* pit,
That he may be enlightened with *the* light of ³⁶⁵the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me:
Hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast anything to say, answer me:
Speak, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken thou unto me:
Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.

34 Moreover Elihu answered and said,
2 Hear my words, ye wise *men*;
And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For *the* ear trieth words,
As *the* palate tasteth food.

4 Let us choose for us that which is right:
Let us know among ourselves what *is* good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous,
And God hath taken away my right:

6 ³⁶⁶Notwithstanding my right I am *accounted* a liar;
³⁶⁷My wound *is* incurable, *though* I am without transgression.

7 What man *is* like Job,
Who drinketh up scoffing like water,

8 Who goeth in company with *the* workers of iniquity,
And walketh with wicked men?

9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing
That he should ³⁶⁸delight himself with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding:
Far be it from God, *that he should do* wickedness,
And *from the* Almighty, *that he should commit* iniquity.

11 For *the* work of a man will he render unto him,
And cause every man to find according to *his* ways.

12 Yes, of a surety, God will not do wickedly,
Neither will *the* Almighty pervert justice.

13 Who gave him a charge over *the* earth?
Or who hath ³⁶⁹disposed *the* whole world?

14 ³⁷⁰If he set his heart upon ³⁷¹himself,
If he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

15 All flesh shall perish together,
And man shall turn again unto dust.

16 ³⁷²If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this:
Hearken to *the* voice of my words.

17 Shall even one that hateth justice govern?
And wilt thou condemn him that is righteous *and* mighty? —

³⁶⁵ *Or, life.*

³⁶⁶ *Or, Should I lie against my right?*

³⁶⁷ *Hb. Mine arrow is incurable,*

³⁶⁸ *Or, consent with God. See Ps 50:18.*

³⁶⁹ *Or, laid upon him the whole world*

³⁷⁰ *Hb^{mg} reads If he cause his heart to return unto himself,*

³⁷¹ *Or, man, Hb. him,*

³⁷² *Or, Only understand,*

18 ³⁷³*Him* that saith to a king, *Thou art vile,*
Or to nobles, *Ye are wicked;*

19 That respecteth not *the* persons of princes,
Nor regardeth *the* rich more than *the* poor;
For they all *are the* work of his hands.

20 In a moment they die, ³⁷⁴even at midnight;
The people are shaken and pass away,
And *the* mighty are taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes *are* upon *the* ways of a man,
And he seeth all his goings.

22 *There is* no darkness, nor thick gloom,
Where *the* workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he needeth not further to consider a man,
That he should go before God in judgment.

24 He breaketh in pieces mighty men ³⁷⁵*in ways* past finding out,
And setteth others in their stead.

25 Therefore he taketh knowledge of their works;
And he overturneth *them* in *the* night, so that they are ³⁷⁶destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men
³⁷⁷*In the* open sight of others;

27 Because they turned aside from following him,
And would not have regard to any of his ways:

28 ³⁷⁸So that they caused *the* cry of *the* poor to come unto him,
And he heard *the* cry of *the* afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can condemn?
And when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him?
Alike whether *it be done* unto a nation, or unto a man:

30 ³⁷⁹*That the* godless man reign not,
That there be none to ensnare *the* people.

31 For hath any said unto God,
I have borne *chastisement*, ³⁸⁰I will not offend *any* more:

32 *That which* I see not teach thou me:
If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more?

33 Shall his recompense be as thou wilt, that thou refusest it?
For thou must choose, and not I:
Therefore speak what thou knowest.

³⁷³ *The Hb. as pointed reads Is it fit to say to a king, thou art vile? Or to nobles, Ye are wicked?*

³⁷⁴ *Or, and at midnight the people are shaken etc.*

³⁷⁵ *Or, without inquisition,*

³⁷⁶ *Hb. crushed.*

³⁷⁷ *Hb. In the place of beholders;*

³⁷⁸ *Or, That they might cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, And that he might hear the cry of the afflicted.*

³⁷⁹ *Sept., Vg., Targ. read That maketh a godless man king, because of the snares of the people.*

³⁸⁰ *Or, though I offend not:*

34 Men of understanding will say unto me,
 Yes, every wise man that heareth me:
 35 Job speaketh without knowledge,
 And his words *are* without wisdom.
 36 Would *that* Job were tried unto *the* end,
 Because of *his* answering like wicked men.
 37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin;
 He clappeth *his hands* among us,
 And multiplieth his words against God.
35 Moreover Elihu answered and said,
 2 Thinkest thou this to be *thy* right,
 Or sayest thou, My righteousness *is* more than
 God's,
 3 That thou sayest, What advantage will it be unto
 thee?
 And, What profit shall I have, more than *if* I had
 sinned?
 4 I will answer thee,
 And thy companions with thee.
 5 Look unto *the* heavens, and see;
 And behold *the* skies, *which* are higher than thou.
 6 If thou hast sinned, what effectest thou against him?
 And *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest
 thou unto him?
 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him?
 Or what receiveth he of thy hand?
 8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art*;
 And thy righteousness *may profit* a son of man.
 9 By reason of *the* multitude of oppressions they cry
 out;
 They cry for help by reason of *the* arm of *the*
 mighty.
 10 But none saith, Where *is* God my Maker,
 Who giveth songs in the night,
 11 Who teacheth us more than *the* beasts of *the* earth,
 And maketh us wiser than *the* birds of the heavens?
 12 There they cry, ³⁸¹but none giveth answer,
 Because of *the* pride of evil men.
 13 Surely God will not hear an empty *cry*,
 Neither will *the* Almighty regard it.
 14 How much less when thou sayest ³⁸²thou beholdest
 him not,
The cause is before him, and thou waitest for him!
 15 But now, because he hath not visited in his anger,
³⁸³Neither doth he greatly regard arrogance;
 16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity;
 He multiplieth words without knowledge.

³⁸¹ Or, but he answereth not,

³⁸² Or, thou beholdest him not!
The cause is before him;

Therefore wait thou for him!

³⁸³ Or, *thou sayest*, He doth not greatly regard
 arrogance.

16 Thus doth Job open his mouth in vanity;

36 Elihu also proceeded, and said,
 2 ³⁸⁴Suffer me a little, and I will show thee;
 For ³⁸⁵*I have yet somewhat* to say on God's behalf.
 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
 And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
 4 For truly my words *are* not false:
 One that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.
 5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any*:
He is mighty in strength of ³⁸⁶understanding.
 6 He preserveth not *the* life of *the* wicked,
 But giveth to *the* afflicted *their* right.
 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from *the* righteous:
 But with kings upon the throne
 He setteth them ever after, and they are exalted.
 8 And if *they be* bound in fetters,
 And be taken in *the* cords of affliction;
 9 Then he showeth them their work,
 And their transgressions, that they have behaved
 themselves proudly.
 10 He openeth also their ear to instruction,
 And commandeth that they return from iniquity.
 11 If they hearken and serve *him*,
 They shall spend their days in prosperity,
 And their years in ³⁸⁷pleasures.
 12 But if they hearken not, they shall perish by ³⁸⁸*the*
 sword,
 And they shall die without knowledge.
 13 But they that are godless in heart lay up anger:
 They cry not for help when he bindeth them.
 14 Their soul dieth in youth,
 And their life *perisheth* ³⁸⁹among the ³⁹⁰unclean.
 15 He delivereth *the* afflicted ³⁹¹by their affliction,
 And openeth their ear ³⁹²in oppression.
 16 Yes, he would have allured thee ³⁹³out of distress
Into a broad place, where *there is* no straitness;
 And that which is set on thy table *would be* full of
 fatness.
 17 But thou ³⁹⁴art full of *the* judgment of *the* wicked:
 Judgment and justice take hold *on thee*.
 18 ³⁹⁵For let not wrath stir thee up against
 chastisements;
 Neither let *the* greatness of *the* payment turn thee
 aside.

³⁸⁴ Hb. Wait for me

³⁸⁵ Hb. *There are* yet words for God.

³⁸⁶ Hb. heart.

³⁸⁷ Or, the pleasantnesses.

³⁸⁸ Or, weapons,

³⁸⁹ Or, like

³⁹⁰ Or, sodomites. *or*, male prostitutes. See Dt 23:17.

³⁹¹ Or, in

³⁹² Or, by adversity.

³⁹³ Hb. out of *the* mouth of distress

³⁹⁴ Or, hast filled up *the* judgment of *the* wicked:

³⁹⁵ Or, Because *there is* wrath, beware lest thou be led
 away by *thy* sufficiency;

19 Will thy cry avail, *that thou be* not in distress,
 Or all *the* forces of *thy* strength?
 20 Desire not the night,
 When peoples ³⁹⁶are cut off in their place.
 21 Take heed, regard not iniquity:
 For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.
 22 Behold, God doeth loftily in his power:
 Who is a teacher like unto him?
 23 Who hath enjoined him his way?
 Or who can say, Thou hast wrought unrighteousness?
 24 Remember that ³⁹⁷thou magnify his work,
 Whereof men have sung.
 25 All men have looked thereon;
 Man beholdeth *it* afar off.
 26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not;
The number of his years is unsearchable.
 27 For he draweth up *the* drops of water,
 Which distil in rain ³⁹⁸from ³⁹⁹his vapor,
 28 Which *the* skies pour down
 And drop upon man abundantly.
 29 Yes, can *any* understand *the* spreadings of *the*
 clouds,
The thunderings of his ⁴⁰⁰pavilion?
 30 Behold, he spreadeth his light ⁴⁰¹around him;
 And he ⁴⁰²covereth *the* bottom of the sea.
 31 For by these he judgeth *the* peoples;
 He giveth food in abundance.
 32 He covereth his hands with *the* ⁴⁰³lightning,
 And giveth it a charge ⁴⁰⁴that it strike *the* mark.
 33 *The* noise thereof telleth concerning ⁴⁰⁵him,
The cattle also concerning ⁴⁰⁶the storm that cometh
 up.
37 Yes, at this my heart trembleth,
 And is moved out of its place.
 2 Hear, oh, hear *the* noise of his voice,
 And *the* ⁴⁰⁷sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.
 3 He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven,
 And his lightning unto *the* ⁴⁰⁸ends of the earth.
 4 After it a voice roareth;
 He thundereth with *the* voice of his majesty;
 And he restraineth not ⁴⁰⁹the lightnings when his
 voice is heard.

³⁹⁶ *Hb.* go up in their place.

³⁹⁷ 4QJob^a Aram. *read* great is his work

³⁹⁸ *Hb.* belonging to

³⁹⁹ *Or,* the vapor thereof,

⁴⁰⁰ *Lit.* booth

⁴⁰¹ *Or,* thereon;

⁴⁰² *Or,* covereth *it* with *the* depths of *the* sea.

⁴⁰³ *Hb.* light, *Also in* ch. 37:3, 11.

⁴⁰⁴ *Or,* against *the* assailant.

⁴⁰⁵ *Or,* it,

⁴⁰⁶ *Or,* *him* that cometh up.

⁴⁰⁷ *Or,* muttering

⁴⁰⁸ *Hb.* skirts

⁴⁰⁹ *Hb.* them

5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice;
 Great things doeth he, which we cannot
 comprehend.
 6 For he saith to the snow, Fall thou *on the* earth;
 Likewise to *the* shower of rain,
 And to *the* showers of his mighty rain.
 7 He sealet up *the* hand of every man,
 That all men whom he hath made may know *it*.
 8 Then *the* beasts go into coverts,
 And remain in their dens.
 9 Out of the chamber *of the south* cometh *the* storm,
 And cold out of *the* ⁴¹⁰north.
 10 By *the* breath of God ice is given;
 And *the* breadth of *the* waters is ⁴¹¹straitened.
 11 Yes, he ladeth *the* thick cloud with moisture;
 He spreadeth abroad *the* cloud of his lightning:
 12 And it is turned round about by his guidance,
 That they may do whatsoever he commandeth them
 Upon *the* face of the habitable world;
 13 Whether it be for correction, or for his ⁴¹²land,
 Or for lovingkindness, that he cause it to come.
 14 Hearken unto this, O Job:
 Stand still, and consider *the* wondrous works of
 God.
 15 Dost thou know how God layeth *his charge* upon
 them,
 And causeth *the lightning* of his cloud to shine?
 16 Dost thou know *the* balancings of *the* clouds,
The wondrous works of him who is perfect in
 knowledge?
 17 ⁴¹³How thy garments *are* warm,
⁴¹⁴When *the* earth is still by reason of *the* south
wind?
 18 Canst thou with him spread out *the* sky,
 Which is strong as a molten mirror?
 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him;
 For we cannot set *our speech* in order by reason of
 darkness.
 20 Shall it be told him that I would speak?
⁴¹⁵Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up?
 21 And now *men* ⁴¹⁶see not *the* light which *is* bright in
 the skies;
 But *the* wind passeth, and cleareth them.
 22 Out of *the* north cometh ⁴¹⁷golden splendor:
 God *hath* upon *him* awesome majesty.
 23 *Touching the* Almighty, we cannot find him out:
He is excellent in power;

⁴¹⁰ *Hb.* scattering winds.

⁴¹¹ *Or,* congealed.

⁴¹² *Or,* earth,

⁴¹³ *Or,* Thou whose garments *are* warm,

⁴¹⁴ *Or,* When he quieteth *the* earth by *the* south *wind*.

⁴¹⁵ *Or,* If a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

⁴¹⁶ *Or,* cannot look on *the* light when it *is* bright in the
 skies, when *the* wind hath passed, and cleared them.

⁴¹⁷ *Hb.* gold

And ⁴¹⁸in justice and plenteous righteousness he will not afflict.
 24 Men do therefore fear him:
 He regardeth not any *that are* wise of heart.
38 Then 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;
 For I will ask of thee, and declare thou unto me.
 4 Where wast thou when I laid *the* foundations of *the* earth?
 Declare, ⁴¹⁹if thou hast understanding.
 5 Who determined *the* measures thereof, ⁴²⁰if thou knowest?
 Or who stretched *the* line upon it?
 6 Whereupon were *the* ⁴²¹foundations thereof ⁴²²fastened?
 Or who laid *the* cornerstone thereof?
 7 When *the* morning stars sang together,
 And all *the* sons of God shouted for joy?
 8 Or *who* shut up *the* sea with double gates,
 When it brake forth, ⁴²³*as if* it had issued out of *the* womb;
 9 When I made clouds *the* garment thereof,
 And thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,
 10 And ⁴²⁴marked out for it my bound,
 And set bars and double gates,
 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further;
 And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
 12 Hast thou commanded *the* morning since thy days *began*,
 And caused the dayspring to know its place;
 13 That it might take hold of *the* ends of the earth,
 And *the* wicked be shaken out of it?
 14 It is changed as clay *under the* seal;
 And *all things* stand forth ⁴²⁵as a garment:
 15 And from *the* wicked their light is withholden,
 And *the* high arm is broken.
 16 Hast thou entered into *the* springs of *the* sea?
 Or hast thou walked in *the* ⁴²⁶recesses of *the* deep?
 17 Have *the* gates of death been revealed unto thee?
 Or hast thou seen *the* gates of *the* shadow of death?
 18 Hast thou comprehended *the* earth in its breadth?
 Declare, if thou knowest it all.

⁴¹⁸ Or, to justice ... he doeth no violence.

⁴¹⁹ Hb. if thou knowest understanding.

⁴²⁰ Or, seeing thou knowest

⁴²¹ Hb. sockets

⁴²² Hb. made to sink

⁴²³ Or, and issued out of

⁴²⁴ Hb. brake up for Sept. Aram., Vg. read made for

⁴²⁵ Or, as in a garment:

⁴²⁶ Or, searching

19 Where *is* the way to *the* dwelling of light?
 And *as for* darkness, where *is* *the* place thereof,
 20 That thou shouldest take it to *the* bound thereof,
 And that thou shouldest discern *the* paths to *the* house thereof?
 21 *Doubtless*, thou knowest, for thou wast then born,
 And *the* number of thy days *is* great!
 22 Hast thou entered *the* treasures of *the* snow,
 Or hast thou seen *the* treasures of *the* hail,
 23 Which I have reserved against *the* time of trouble,
 Against *the* day of battle and war?
 24 ⁴²⁷By what way is *the* light parted,
 Or *the* east wind scattered upon *the* earth?
 25 Who hath cleft a channel for the waterflood,
 Or a way for *the* lightning of *the* thunder;
 26 To cause it to rain on a land *where* no man *is*;
 On *the* wilderness, wherein *there is* no man;
 27 To satisfy *the* waste and desolate *ground*,
 And to cause *the* ⁴²⁸tender grass to spring forth?
 28 Hath the rain a father?
 Or who hath begotten *the* drops of dew?
 29 Out of whose womb came the ice?
 And *the* hoary frost of heaven, who hath ⁴²⁹gendered it?
 30 *The* waters ⁴³⁰are congealed like stone,
 And *the* surface of *the* deep ⁴³¹cohereth.
 31 Canst thou bind *the* ⁴³²cluster of *the* Pleiades,
 Or loose *the* bands of Orion?
 32 Canst thou lead forth ⁴³³*the* twelve signs of *the* Zodiac in their season?
 Or canst thou guide ⁴³⁴Ursa Major with her ⁴³⁵train?
 33 Knowest thou *the* ordinances of *the* heavens?
 Canst thou establish *the* dominion thereof in *the* earth?
 34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
 That abundance of waters may cover thee?
 35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,
 And say unto thee, Here we *are*?
 36 Who hath put wisdom in the ⁴³⁶inward parts?
 Or who hath given understanding to the ⁴³⁷mind?
 37 Who can number *the* clouds by wisdom?
 Or who can ⁴³⁸pour out *the* bottles of heaven,

⁴²⁷ Or, Which is the way to the place where the light is parted,

⁴²⁸ Or, greensward to spring forth

⁴²⁹ Or, given it birth

⁴³⁰ Or, hide themselves and become like stone,

⁴³¹ Or, is frozen. But compare Ge 1:6-7 and footnote.

⁴³² Or, chain or, sweet influences

⁴³³ Hb. Mazzaroth in their season See note on ch. 9:9.

⁴³⁴ See marginal note on ch. 9:9.

⁴³⁵ Hb. sons

⁴³⁶ Or, dark clouds

⁴³⁷ Or, meteor

⁴³⁸ Hb. cause the bottles of heaven to lie down

38 When *the* dust runneth into a mass,
 And *the* clods cleave fast together?
 39 Canst thou hunt *the* prey for *the* lioness,
 Or satisfy *the* appetite of *the* young lions,
 40 When they couch in *their* dens,
 And abide in the booth to lie in wait?
 41 Who provideth for the raven his prey,
 When his young ones cry unto God,
 And wander for lack of food?
39 Knowest thou *the* time when *the* wild goats of *the*
 rock bring forth?
 Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?
 2 Canst thou number *the* months *that* they fulfil?
 Or knowest thou *the* time when they bring forth?
 3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young,
 They cast out their pains.
 4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in
 the open field;
 They go forth, and ⁴³⁹return not again.
 5 Who hath sent out *the* wild ass free?
 Or who hath loosed *the* bonds of *the* swift ass,
 6 Whose home I have made *the* wilderness,
 And *the* salt land his dwelling-place?
 7 He scorneth *the* tumult of the city,
 Neither heareth he *the* shoutings of *the* ⁴⁴⁰driver.
 8 *The* range of *the* mountains *is* his pasture,
 And he searcheth after every green thing.
 9 Will *the* wild-ox be content to serve thee?
 Or will he abide by thy crib?
 10 Canst thou bind *the* wild-ox with his band in *the*
 furrow?
 Or will he harrow *the* valleys after thee?
 11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength *is* great?
 Or wilt thou leave to him thy labor?
 12 Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home
 thy seed,
 And gather *the* grain of thy threshing-floor?
 13 *The* wings of the ostrich wave proudly;
 But *are they the* pinions and plumage of ⁴⁴¹love?
 14 For she leaveth her eggs on the earth,
 And warmeth them in *the* dust,
 15 And forgetteth that *the* foot may crush them,
 Or that the wild beast may trample them.
 16 She ⁴⁴²dealeth hardly with her young ones, as if
they were not hers:
 Though her labor be in vain, *she is* without fear;
 17 Because God hath ⁴⁴³deprived her of wisdom,
 Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
 18 What time she ⁴⁴⁴lifteth up herself on high,
 She scorneth the horse and his rider.

⁴³⁹ Or, return not unto them.

⁴⁴⁰ Or, taskmaster.

⁴⁴¹ Or, a stork

⁴⁴² Or, is hardened against her young ones,

⁴⁴³ Hb. made her to forget wisdom,

⁴⁴⁴ Or, rouseth herself up to flight,

19 Hast thou given the horse *his* might?
 Hast thou clothed his neck with *the* ⁴⁴⁵quivering
 mane?
 20 Hast thou made him to leap as a locust?
The glory of his snorting *is* terrible.
 21 ⁴⁴⁶He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his*
 strength:
 He goeth out to meet ⁴⁴⁷*the* armed men.
 22 He mocketh at fear, and is not dismayed;
 Neither turneth he back from *the* sword.
 23 *The* quiver rattleth ⁴⁴⁸against him,
The flashing spear and *the* javelin.
 24 He swalloweth *the* land with fierceness and rage;
 Neither ⁴⁴⁹standeth he still at *the* voice of *the* trumpet.
 25 As oft as *the* trumpet *soundeth* he saith, Aha!
 And he smelleth *the* battle afar off,
The thunder of *the* captains, and *the* shouting.
 26 *Is it* by thy wisdom that *the* hawk soareth,
 And stretcheth her wings toward *the* south?
 27 *Is it* at thy command that *the* eagle mounteth up,
 And maketh her nest on high?
 28 On *the* cliff she dwelleth, and maketh her home,
 Upon *the* point of *the* cliff, and *the* stronghold.
 29 From thence she spieth out *the* prey;
 Her eyes behold it afar off.
 30 Her young ones also suck up blood:
 And where *the* slain *are*, there *is* she.
40 Moreover Jehovah answered Job, and said,
 2 Shall *the* reprover contend with *the* Almighty?
 He that argueth with God, let him answer it.
 3 Then Job answered Jehovah, and said,
 4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer
 thee?
 I lay my hand upon my mouth.
 5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer;
 Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.
 6 Then Jehovah answered Job out of *the* whirlwind,
 and said,
 7 Gird up thy loins now like a man:
 I will ask of thee, and declare thou unto me.
 8 Wilt thou even annul my judgment?
 Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be
 justified?
 9 Or hast thou an arm like God?
 And canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
 10 Deck thyself now *with* excellency and dignity;
 And array thyself with honor and majesty.
 11 Pour forth *the* overflowings of thine anger;
 And look upon every one *that is* proud, and abase
 him.

⁴⁴⁵ Hb. shaking mane

⁴⁴⁶ Hb. They paw in the valley,

⁴⁴⁷ Or, *the* weapons.

⁴⁴⁸ Or, upon him,

⁴⁴⁹ Or, believeth he that *it is the* voice of *the* trumpet.

12 Look on everyone *that is* proud, *and* bring him low;
And tread down *the* wicked where they stand.
13 Hide them in the dust together;
Bind their faces in the hidden *place*.
14 Then will I also confess of thee
That thine own right hand can save thee.
15 Behold now, ⁴⁵⁰behemoth, which I made ⁴⁵¹as well
as thee;
He eateth grass as *an* ox.
16 Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins,
And his force *is* in *the* muscles of his belly.
17 He moveth his tail like a cedar:
The sinews of his thighs are knit together.
18 His bones *are* as tubes of copper;
His ⁴⁵²limbs *are* like bars of iron.
19 He *is* the chief of *the* ways of God:
He *only* that made him giveth *him* his sword.
20 Surely *the* mountains bring him forth food,
Where all *the* beasts of the field do play.
21 He lieth under *the* lotus-trees,
In *the* covert of *the* reed, and *the* fen.
22 *The* lotus-trees cover him with *their* shade;
The willows of *the* brook compass him about.
23 Behold, if a river ⁴⁵³overflow, he trembleth not;
He is confident, though a Jordan swell even to his
mouth.
24 Shall any take him when he is on *the* watch,
Or pierce through *his* nose with a snare?
41 Canst thou draw out ⁴⁵⁴leviathan with a fishhook?
Or press down his tongue with a cord?
2 Canst thou put ⁴⁵⁵a rope into his nose?
Or pierce his jaw through with a ⁴⁵⁶hook?
3 Will he make many supplications unto thee?
Or will he speak soft *words* unto thee?
4 Will he make a covenant with thee.
That thou shouldst take him for a servant for ever?
5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
6 Will *the* bands of *fishermen* make traffic of him?
Will they part him among *the* merchants?
7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons,
Or his head with fish-spears?
8 Lay thy hand upon him;
Remember *the* battle, and do so no more.
9 Behold, *the* hope of him is in vain:
Will not *one* be cast down even at *the* sight of him?
10 None *is* so fierce that he dare stir him up;
Who then is he that can stand before me?

⁴⁵⁰ *That is, the hippopotamus*

⁴⁵¹ *Hb. with thee;*

⁴⁵² *Or, ribs are like bars of iron.*

⁴⁵³ *Or, be violent,*

⁴⁵⁴ *That is, the crocodile*

⁴⁵⁵ *Hb. a rope of rushes into his nose*

⁴⁵⁶ *Or, spike*

11 Who hath first given unto me, that I should repay
him?
Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.
12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Nor his mighty strength, nor his goodly frame.
13 Who can ⁴⁵⁷strip off his outer garment?
Who shall come within his jaws?
14 Who can open *the* doors of his face?
⁴⁵⁸Round about his teeth *is* terror.
15 *His* ⁴⁵⁹strong scales *are* his pride,
Shut up together *as with* a close seal.
16 One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.
17 They are joined one to another;
They stick together, so that they cannot be sundered.
18 His sneezings flash forth light,
And his eyes *are* like *the* eyelids of *the* morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning torches,
And sparks of fire leap forth.
20 Out of his nostrils a smoke goeth,
As of a boiling pot and *burning* rushes.
21 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.
22 In his neck abideth strength,
And terror danceth before him.
23 *The* flakes of his flesh are joined together:
They are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.
24 His heart is as firm as a stone;
Yes, firm as *the* nether *millstone*.
25 When he raiseth himself up, *the* mighty are afraid:
By reason of consternation they are beside
themselves.
26 If one lay at him with *the* sword, it cannot avail;
Nor *the* spear, *the* dart, nor *the* ⁴⁶⁰pointed shaft.
27 He counteth iron as straw,
And copper as rotten wood.
28 *The* ⁴⁶¹arrow cannot make him flee:
Sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.
29 Clubs are counted as stubble:
He laugheth at *the* rushing of *the* javelin.
30 His underparts *are* like sharp potsherds:
⁴⁶²He spreadeth *as it were* a threshing-sledge upon
the mire.
31 He maketh *the* deep to boil like a pot:
He maketh *the* sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He maketh a path to shine after him;
One would think *the* deep to be hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like,
That is made without fear.

⁴⁵⁷ *Hb. uncover the faces of his garment*

⁴⁵⁸ *Or, His teeth are terrible round about.*

⁴⁵⁹ *Or, courses of scales Hb. channels of shields*

⁴⁶⁰ *Or, coat of mail.*

⁴⁶¹ *Hb. son of the bow cannot make him flee:*

⁴⁶² *Lamsa (Aramaic) reads, he is at home in the deep as if he were on the dry land.*

34 He beholdeth every thing *that is* high:
He *is* king over all *the* sons of pride.

42 Then Job answered Jehovah, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do all *things*,
And *that* no purpose of thine can be restrained.

3 Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge?
Therefore have I uttered that which I understood not,
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;
I will ask of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5 I had heard of thee by *the* hearing of *the* ear;
But now mine eye seeth thee:

6 Wherefore I ⁴⁶³abhor *myself*,
And repent in dust and ashes.

7 And it was *so*, that, after Jehovah had spoken these words unto Job, Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*. 8 Now therefore, take unto you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you; for him will I accept, that I deal not with you *after your* folly; for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*. 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as Jehovah commanded them: and Jehovah accepted Job.

10 And Jehovah turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: and Jehovah gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that Jehovah had brought upon him: every man also gave him a ⁴⁶⁴piece of money, and every one a ring of gold. 12 So Jehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14 And he called *the* name of the first, Jemimah; and *the* name of the second, Keziah; and *the* name of the third, Keren-happuch. 15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as *the* daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. 16 And after this Job lived a hundred forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations. 17 So Job died, *being* old and full of days.

⁴⁶³ Or, loathe my words,

⁴⁶⁴ Hb. q'sitah, dehgiaw קטית silver, possibly ~50 gm.
Elsewhere only in Ge 33:19, Josh 24:32; *so perhaps*
Job was contemporary with Jacob.

End of the Book of Job

[*A metrical version of Job in the footnotes of the
Companion Bible is noteworthy.*]