

Job 38 - "Here Comes the Judge"

I. The Lord's Introduction v 1

the LORD = Jehovah (Exo 6:3, Ps 83:18, Isa 12:2, 26:4) = GOD (e.g. Ps 68:20, 69:6)

Jehovah-jireh (Gen 22:14) Jehovah-nissi (Ex 17:15) Jehovah-shalom (Jd 6:24)

JAH (Ps 68:4)

In Old Testament, "the LORD" is found over 6,500 times.

whirlwind (27 x) - used by God for transportation (Eze 1, 2Ki 2) & Jx (Pr 10:25)

Nahum 1:3 *The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind*

II. The Lord's Interrogation v 2-41

The Lord asks 83 questions (prime# 23) in ch 38-41

v 2 *counsel* - 2 types Ps 33:10-11

v 3 *demand* (d. to ask or challenge by authority) - Dan 4:17

v 4 *earth* (>950x in 53 books) - Ps 115:16 {NB - 53 is the 16th prime #}

foundations of the earth (10x in 6 bk) Isa 51:16 Jer 31:37 Mic 6:2

understanding - Exo 31:3, 35:31, 36:1 ~ *spirit of God, wisdom...of service*

Deu 1:13, **4:6**, 32:28

v 5* *the measures* (middle ref. of 5x) - I Ki 7:9, 11 *Job* Eze 43:13, 48:16
Solomon's T. Millennial T.

v 6 *the corner stone* (4x) Job 38:6 Isa 28:16 Eph 2:20 1 Pet 2:6

v 7 *morning stars* - only ref. in HB // *the morning star* (Rev 2:28, 22:16) = Jesus
Psalm 148:3 (~ Ps 19:1)

sons of God - Gen 6:2, 4 Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7 (OT - 5x in 2 bk)

John 1:12 Rom 8:14, 19 Phil 2:15 1 John 3:1, 2 (NT - 6x in 4 bk)

<u>Dispensation</u>		<u>sons of God</u>	
Innocence	Gen 1 - 3:6	Adam	Luke 3:38
Conscience	Gen 3:7 - 8:22	Seth-Noah	Gen 4:26, 6:2, 8 (Lk 3:38)
Government	Gen 9 - 11:9	Job	Job 1:6, 2:1
Promise	Gen 12 - Exo 18	Abraham	Gen 15:6 (Rom 4:16-17)
Israel / Law	Exo 19 - Gospels	faithful Jews	Isa 43:1-6,
Church	Acts - Rev 4:1	true believers	1 John 3:1-2
Millennium	Rev 20	overcomers	Rev 21:7

Reasons why the ***sons of God*** (Gen 6:2, Job 1:6) probably are not angels.

(1) The Bible says angels are called *stars*, not *sons*.

Rev 1:20 The seven *stars are the angels...* said Jesus.

Heb 1:5 For unto which of the *angels* said he (i.e. *God*) at anytime,
Thou art my *Son*

(2) Jesus said angels do not marry (Luke 20:35).

(3) Even if fallen angels attempted to consort with women, they are different *kinds*. So no offspring could result from mating by the rules of both scripture and science.

(a) scripture : Genesis 1 '*after his kind*' (10x) e.g. vv 11, 12, 21, 24, 25

1 Cor 15:39 *...all flesh is not the same flesh*

(b) science : e.g. *canine* (i.e. dog) cannot reproduce with *feline* (i.e. cat).

a *man* cannot reproduce with an *animal* (any species)

(c) scripture : 1 Cor 15:40 *There are also **celestial** bodies, and bodies **terrestrial***

- terrestrial bodies are made from earthly materials

- celestial bodies are made from heavenly materials

The gap between these two is greater than the gaps mentioned in (a) and (b).

(4) Angels are limited in the extent of the trials they can impose on mankind. God placed boundaries on Satan's persecution of Job (*Job 1:12, 2:6*). Satan and his fallen angels are 'on a leash'. All tests and trials have limits proscribed by God (1 Cor 10:13). So the passage that says... *the sons of God saw that the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose* (Gen 6:2) doesn't make sense if the *sons of God* are angels. There were no boundaries, there was no 'leash'. The human women would have been overwhelmed by the overpowering angels.

(5) Scripture refers to the bad angels as *devils* fifty-five times in forty-eight verses (e.g. Mt 4:24, 7:22; Rev 12:3-9, 16:14). The Bible never refers to fallen angels as *sons of God*. If Scripture were to use the phrase *the sons of God* for angels, it would be only in reference to the good (i.e. *holy*) angels. But the *holy angels* would never commit the evil described in Genesis 6; and if they did, they wouldn't be called *the sons of God*.

(6) The events described in Genesis 6:1-13 explain why God brought the universal flood upon the old world. The passage uses the words *man* and *men* eleven times. Question : If the *sons of God* were angels, why bring such a harsh and devastating judgment upon mankind? That is not in line with character of God and his justice.

Gen 18:25 *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right ?*

Why punish man ? Punish the *sons of God* . They committed the sin !