

- I) **V1-4 INTRO: Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young?**
- II) **As we have gone through the Book of Job, we have seen an ongoing argument Job had suffered the loss of everything that he valued**
- III) **He lost his material blessings, his children, and his physical health
Once the greatest man in the east, Job has been reduced to a shadow of what he was**
- IV) **His body is wracked with pain, swollen and completely covered with boils
He has been sitting in ashes, scraping his body with broken shards of pottery**
- V) **We have seen how his friends came, and at first simply sat in silence alongside of him
They had agreed to come together and to mourn alongside of their dear friend**
- VI) **When they saw him from afar, they did not even recognize him
When they knew it was he, they lifted their voices, wept, tore their clothes and threw dust in the air and sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights
No one spoke a word to him, seeing that his grief was very great**
- VII) **We have seen how Job finally broke the silence, and began to curse the day of his birth
Bearing his soul openly and honestly, he began to question aloud why this happened
My pain pours out of me like water, and I have no rest because trouble comes**
- VIII) **That which I feared most has come upon me, what I dreaded has happened to me!**
- IX) **As sometimes happens, the pain he was enduring was not understood by his friends
They feared for him and were at first, even confused at his emotionally explosion**
- X) **One by one Eliphaz, Zophar and Bildad began rebuking and reprimanding him
Each felt that he was dangerously close to blaspheming God by his complaining**

XI) Job, you were the one who gave advice so freely but now you suffer and are weary of it

**What makes you think that you are above such things in your life
Who are you to complain against God**

XII) As we have seen, Job did not understand how they could speak to him like that

He questioned their kindness and their compassion, and rebuked them for harshness

Job 6:14 To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty!

XIII) It is easy for you who are healthy to rebuke the one who is hurting so deeply

I) Job 7:5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust My skin is cracked and breaks afresh!

**II) On and on the argument went, with each friend trying to convince him of sin
None of them was able to do it, and because of this another joined the argument**

**III) Elihu was young in years and waited for the elders to convince Job
Because they had failed, he added his opinion to the situation**

**IV) He was convinced the Job was self righteous and needed to be humbled
He couldn't understand how Job could contend with God
34:10 Far be it from God to do wickedness and from the Almighty to pervert justice!**

In the end, you are getting less than you actually deserve!

**V) Elihu closed his rebuke of Job by speaking of how great God is
His the Almighty, beyond our finding out, excellent in power, judgment and abundant justice. He does not oppress and he shows no partiality
Job, you need to return to the fear of God (Job 37:23-24)**

**VI) When Elihu concluded his reprimand of Job, God spoke out of the whirlwind
God revealed Himself to Job, and began answering his questions and concerns**

VII) Out of the whirlwind is an image that is much like the confusion Job had suffered

It seems that there are times when God breaks in to our confusion, and brings answers

- VIII) Job had silenced his friends, but had not convinced them of his innocence
Elihu had presented his case, but Job never had a chance to respond
- IX) In the midst of this confusion and stress, God broke in and settled the problem
- X) God began by saying your questions do not bring light, but increases
darkness
Your questions and complaints haven't helped anyone
They even brought more confusion to your friends
- XI) You have been questioning Me, so now I will begin to question you
Since you want to argue your case with Me, get ready for the debate
- XII) As we went through chapter 38, we saw how God began by asking about
creation
He spoke of the earth, the heavens, the seas and even the weather
- XIII) Job, where were you when I determined how to create and sustain all things
He closed ch 38 by speaking of nature: lions, and even the ravens
- I) In Ch 39 He continues this line of questioning
- II) V1 Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young?
In other words, have you ever climbed the mountains, to find out such a
time?
Are you personally aware of the seasons they give birth
- III) In Job's time, more than likely, nobody really cared about this, unlike today!
To observe and chronicle these kinds of things was not something
people did
It would have been more difficult then it was worth
- IV) Job didn't know, but God knew their habits and inaccessible cliffs were no
obstacle to Him
Domesticated sheep and goats have a shepherd who cares for them in
such times
- V) Not so with the wild mountain goats
God is the shepherd to the wild goat, and when they most need
attention He is there
- VI) V2-4 Can you number the months that they fulfill Or do you know the time
when they
The deer are gentle and in the most part, defenseless

Still, they are cared for by God

VII) V5-8 Who set the wild donkey free Who loosed the bonds of the onager Whose home I

Who gave the onager (wild donkey) the disposition of hating domestication

Who created him to be so unmanageable?

VIII) V7-8 He scorns the tumult of the city He does not heed the shouts of the driver He makes his home far from the noisy city, desiring freedom in the wilderness

He rejects the directions given by those driving donkey driven carts He prefers living away from man and man's control

IX) V9-12 Will the wild ox be willing to serve you Will he be by your manger Some bibles read unicorn, which simply means one horned This speaks of a wild ox, known for strength, ferocity and power

X) The word Unicorn in Hebrew is Re'em In Latin it is unicornis, which is where the word found its way into the KJV

XI) This is an unfortunate translation: Unicorns had at least two horns Dt 33:17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns

Ps 22:21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for You have saved me from *the horns* of the unicorn

I) This animal is extinct, and is identified with what the Romans called the urus or auroch

It was the black European wild ox, and was huge

II) When invading ancient Gaul (France), Caesar described this animal: Scarcely less than elephants in size, but in the nature, color, and form are bulls. Great is their strength, and great their speed; nor do they spare man nor beast, when once they have caught sight of him. Even when they are young, they cannot be habituated to man and easily managed. The size and shape of their horns are very different from our own oxen.

III) V9-12 Will the wild ox be willing to serve you Will he be by your anger Can you tame him and make him willing to obey your commands, like other oxen

Can you domesticate him and confine him at night and make him work in the day?

IV) V13-18 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly but are her wings the pinions like the kindly

The ostrich has beautiful plumage like a stork, but it can't fly and are useless

V) V14-16 The female ostrich is lacking in a maternal awareness of her eggs She lets the warm sun incubate them and only sits upon them at night

VI) She leaves them unattended and often her eggs are crushed by travellers She can lay as many as 30 eggs or more, but doesn't show concern for them

Because of her neglect, less than a quarter of them are ever hatched

VII) Because they are not protected, wild beasts can find them and devour them

VIII) V16 She treats her young harshly as though they were not hers Her labor is in vain

Other animals protect, even die for their young but she doesn't have that instinct

If she is distracted by a noise, or her curiosity gets the best of her she leaves them

IX) On many occasions ostrich chicks are found wandering, moaning and starving The mother ostrich has no concern about this and abandons them early

X) Because of this, ostriches are considered cruel Lamentations 4:3 Even the jackals feed their young, but not my people Israel. They ignore their children's cries, like ostriches in the desert.

XI) V17 Because God deprived her of wisdom and did not endow her with understanding

XII) God explains to Job why she is like this: He has deprived her of wisdom This was not by human arrangement or evolution: it is by design The fact they survive at all is a testimony of God's provision and care

I) V17 There is a very old Arab proverb: As foolish or stupid as an ostrich They eat stones, iron, leaden bullets, broken glass and hot coals! They have small heads and small brains!

II) V18 When she lifts herself on high she scorns the horse and its rider When she is frightened or pursued, she has incredible speed She can be as tall as 7' and some are on record as reaching 10'

III) V19-25 Have you given the horse strength Have you clothed his neck with thunder

Did you give the horse its confidence and courage
Did you clothe his neck with thunder (its mane and the quivering of the neck)

IV) V20 Can you frighten him like a locust

By your mere presence, can you cause a war horse to leap in fear like a locust

When he is in battle, his snorting reveals ferocity and frightens warriors!

V) V21-23 He is intimidating and frightening, sending fear into opposing warriors

VI) V24-25 He devours the distance with fierceness and rage nor does he come to a halt

We do not believe that a body of infantry ever existed that, with the bayonet alone, unsupported by fire, could have checked the determined charge of good horsemen

VII) V26-30 Does the hawk fly by your wisdom and spread its wings toward the south

Did you create the hawk and give it such extraordinary strength and stamina

Are you the one who gave her the instinct to fly to warmer climates in winter

VIII) V27 Does the eagle mount up at your command

Did you put into the eagle the ability to fly high and make her nest on highest rocks

IX) The rocks provide protection for her from enemies and from them she sees her prey

Also, she feeds on the carcasses of the slain, animal or even men
Mt 24:28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

X) THE POINT: God is in control, God has all the answers:

Job, you don't