

Chapter 26-31

26:1

Job is done with Bildad (and his friends), and this is a sort of cutting off of Bildad.

26:11

The pillars of heaven tremble, And are astonished at His rebuke. “I still can’t see God, and you haven’t helped, Bildad. His throne is covered to me.”

27:7-9

9 Will God hear his cry When trouble comes upon him? A barb towards his friends indeed. He seems to be running out of patience with his friends—suggesting their wickedness and unrighteousness.

28:12-14

“But where can wisdom be found? Don’t forget that this is Christ (remembering Luke 24:44), says 1 Corinthians 1:30-2:6. Now we have complete license to see Jesus Christ crucified as “God’s wisdom” in this passage. This is a repeat of Job 11:6 (and following; see notes), and the reader is reminded that **wisdom** is not “being better at things.”

In other words, Job is, in the telescopic sense, asking where one can find “the crucified Christ for salvation?”

14 The deep says, ‘It is not in me’; And the sea the place where Christ went when He died. Deuteronomy 30:13 uses the same word for **sea**. This is quoted in Romans 10:6-8 and speaks of the very place where Christ went when He died. Paul took the liberty to tell us what Moses meant when he wrote Deuteronomy 31. So this place where Christ went when he died **says, ‘It [the crucified Christ] is not with me.’** It seems like a prooftext for the resurrection of Jesus.¹

By the way, “destruction” (28:22) is “abaddon” in Revelation and it is the angel over the bottomless pit in Revelation 9:1-11. So now, we have the angel over the bottomless pit testifies. “Death” was, after all, personified in Revelation 6:7-8.

Mostly every time “bottomless pit” or “abyss” is used in the book of Revelation, it is this same word. Surely we’re not saying Job knew what He was writing, but the “Spirit of Christ” signifying in Him did (1 Peter 1:10-11)! So, the **sea** has not seen Him at the time of this writing, but He will be, and He’s not staying.

28:22

Destruction⁷ and Death say, “Abaddon” doesn’t think anything anybody could come to him and get away, but Revelation tells the story that this angel over the **sea** (28:14) will be quite alarmed when Christ breaks out (Matthew 16:18) taking the keys to the house (Revelation 1:18) and all the residents who were His (Ephesians 4:7-9). Because Christ has risen from the dead out of the realm of the dead...so shall those for whom He serves as the firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20). Because He is alive, we have no fear of the “king of terrors.”

¹Much more on this in the author’s commentary on the book of Revelation (under 9:1).

⁷ Heb. *Abaddon*

28:28 And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.’ ” Wisdom doesn’t belong to those who don’t fear the Lord. A person is bankrupt if they don’t fear the Lord.

29:1

Job further continued his discourse, Zophar says nothing so Job continues.

29:8

The young men saw me and hid, And the aged arose and stood; the young were ashamed to speak before me, and the aged respected me as one older than them even.

29:13

The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy. Maybe Job is suffering because God is punishing you, or making you better as one of His Own, or just testing you?

30:1

“But now they mock at me, men younger than I, Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock. “I would have made their parents dogs looking after my sheep.”

31:1

“I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I ¹look upon a young woman? This sounds much like Jesus’ words in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:28) concerning “adultery in the heart.” The “spirit of Christ” did, in fact, speak through Job (1 Peter 4:10-14).

¹look intently or *gaze*