

JOB CHAPTER 39

¹ "Say if you know the time of the bringing forth of the wild goats of the rock, and if you have marked the birth pangs of the hinds: ² and if you have numbered the full months of their being with young, and if you have relieved their pangs: ³ and have reared their young without fear; and will you loosen their pangs? ⁴ Their young will break forth; they will be multiplied with offspring: *their young* will go forth, and will not return to them. ⁵ And who is he that sent forth the wild donkey free? And who loosed his bands? ⁶ Whereas I made his habitation the wilderness, and the salt land his coverts. ⁷ He laughs to scorn the multitude of the city, and does not hear the chiding of the tax-gatherer. ⁸ He will survey the mountains as his pasture, and he seeks after every green thing. ⁹ And will the unicorn be willing to serve you, or to lie down at your manger? ¹⁰ And will you bind his yoke with thongs, or will he plow valleys for you in the plain? ¹¹ And do you trust him, because his strength is great? And will you commit your works to him? ¹² And will you believe that he will return to you your seed, and bring it in to your threshing floor? ¹³ The peacock has a beautiful wing: if the stork and the ostrich conceive, *it is worthy* of notice, ¹⁴ for the ostrich will leave her eggs in the ground, and warm them on the dust, ¹⁵ and has forgotten that the foot will scatter them, and the wild beasts of the field trample them. ¹⁶ She has hardened herself against her young ones, so as to not bereave herself: she labors in vain without fear. ¹⁷ For God has withheld wisdom from her, and not given her a portion in understanding. ¹⁸ In her season she will lift herself on high; she will scorn the horse and his rider.

¹⁹ "Have you invested the horse with strength, and clothed his neck with terror? ²⁰ And have you clad him in perfect armor, and made his breast glorious with courage? ²¹ He paws exulting in the plain, and goes forth in strength into the plain. ²² He laughs to scorn a king as he meets him, and will by no means turn back from the sword. ²³ The bow and sword resound against him, and his rage will swallow up the ground; ²⁴ and he will not believe until the trumpet sounds. ²⁵ And when the trumpet sounds, he says, 'Aha!' And afar off, he smells the war with prancing and neighing. ²⁶ And does the hawk remain steady by your wisdom, having spread out her wings unmoved, looking toward the region of the south? ²⁷ And does the eagle rise at your command, and the vulture remain sitting over his nest, ²⁸ on a crag of a rock, and in a secret *place*? ²⁹ From there he seeks food, his eyes observe from afar. ³⁰ And his young ones roll themselves in blood, and wherever the carcasses may be, immediately they are found."