

The proud OSTRICH

in Job 39:13-18 **was** / is ...

39:13 The wings of **the ostrich** wave proudly, but are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's?

39:14 For she leaves her eggs on the ground, and warms them in the dust;

39:15 She forgets that a foot may crush them, or that a wild beast may break them.

39:16 She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; her labor is in vain, without concern,

39:17 Because God deprived her of wisdom, and did not endow her with understanding.

39:18 When she lifts herself on high, she scorns the horse and its rider.

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acting like

a proud sinner (39:13, 18)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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an individual

rather than a flock

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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clear evidence

of the Fall (39:13)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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contrasted with

the kindly stock (39:13)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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created

with limitations (39:17)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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described

mostly negatively

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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like and unlike

other flightless birds

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive



Meditation

proud of her speed (39:18)

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more sinful than

other animals (39:13, 41:34)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not learning

from experience (39:17)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not living

in an ideal world

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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part of God's

rebuke and counseling

(fill in the blank)

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probably not

Job's favorite bird (39:27)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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scorning

the horse & rider (Job?)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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theological

in a special way

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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to be studied

naturally & morally

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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well-known

in ancient Arabia

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **Job chapter 39** and some website articles on the ostrich, consider and discuss the way the ostrich is described above. **Do you agree with the points made? Would you change or add to them in any way? At the end, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications.** In this, think about why the ostrich is included in God's long counseling session with Job in chapters 38 through 41 and why she is described so negatively. How was / is the ostrich like Job and like us? — © 2023 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan.