

# Job 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

## Analysis

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Job praises God's creative power: 'By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.' This acknowledges divine sovereignty over chaos (the serpent/Leviathan). Even while questioning God's providence, Job affirms His cosmic authority.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern mythology featured chaos monsters (Leviathan, Rahab) that deities fought to establish order. Job affirms God's absolute mastery over such forces.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's power over cosmic chaos relate to His power over your circumstances?
2. What comfort comes from knowing God formed even the 'crooked serpent'?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּ רוחוֹ  
By his spirit      the heavens      he hath garnished      חַלְלָה  
H7307            H8064            H8235            H2490

נָטָשׁ יָדָיו<sup>וְ</sup>  
his hand      serpent  
H3027            H5175

בָּרְמָה:  
the crooked  
H1281

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 27:1** (Parallel theme): In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

**Psalms 104:30** (Spirit): Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

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