

# Job 38:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters,  
or a way for the lightning of thunder;

## Analysis

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"Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder?" God questions who channels rainwater and lightning. The Hebrew *pelleg* (פֶּלֶג, "watercourse/channel") and *derekh* (דֶּרֶךְ, "way/path") suggest intentional routing. Rain doesn't fall randomly—God directs it with purpose. Lightning follows divinely ordained paths. This reveals God's detailed governance of seemingly chaotic phenomena. Providence extends to minutiae. If God governs rain and lightning with such precision, He certainly governs human affairs purposefully.

## Historical Context

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Ancient peoples recognized they couldn't control or predict weather patterns—these were firmly in divine hands. Modern meteorology understands atmospheric processes but cannot dictate them. The principle endures: God sovereignly governs natural phenomena with purposes beyond human comprehension or control.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

### Study Questions

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1. How does God's precise control over "random" natural events shape your view of providence?
2. What circumstances in your life seem chaotic but may have divine channels you cannot perceive?

### Interlinear Text

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H4310	Who hath divided	for the overflowing of waters	a watercourse	or a way
	H6385	H7858	H8585	H1870
לְדַלֵּי יָרֵחַ	קִלְוֹת:			
for the lightning	of thunder			
H2385	H6963			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Job 28:26** (Light): When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: