

# Job 38:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

## Analysis

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"The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen." God describes water's transformation to ice—liquid becoming solid "as with a stone" (kaeven, קָאֵן). Even the deep (tehom, תְּהוֹם), primordial waters representing chaos, freezes solid under God's command. This demonstrates God's power to transform and control even the most formidable natural forces. Ice formation's mystery (understood now but unknown then) illustrated God's comprehensive governance of all states of matter and conditions of nature.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern peoples in warmer climates would find ice formation mysterious and impressive. Even the chaotic deep, feared in mythology, becomes solid at God's word. This power demonstration would assure readers of God's absolute sovereignty over all threatening forces, natural or spiritual.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's ability to transform chaotic waters into solid stone encourage trust in His power?
2. What seemingly overwhelming or chaotic situations need to be reminded that God can freeze them solid?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵת כְּאֵת אֲבָנָה יְמִינְתְּךָ אֲנִי יְמִינְתְּךָ אֲבָנָה  
as with a stone      The waters      are hid      and the face      of the deep      is frozen  
H68                    H4325            H2244            H6440            H8415            H3920

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 37:10** (Parallel theme): By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

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