

# Job 39:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

## Analysis

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God shifts to the eagle, describing its habitat selection. 'Dwelleth and abideth on the rock' (shakan yitlonan sela, שָׁכַן יִתְּלוֹנָן סֵלָה) emphasizes permanent residence in harsh, inaccessible locations. 'Crag of the rock and the strong place' (shen-sela, שֵׁן סֵלָה) uses vocabulary suggesting tooth-like projections—sharp, dangerous cliff faces that provide security. The threefold emphasis (rock, crag, strong place) underscores the eagle's choice of seemingly uninhabitable heights for safety. This verse reveals divine wisdom in instinct—God teaches eagles to build in locations that provide both security and strategic advantage. Theologically, this serves as metaphor for believers dwelling in God as their rock and fortress (Psalm 18:2). The eagle's high dwelling also symbolizes spiritual perspective that comes from being established in God rather than earthly comforts. Those who wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles (Isaiah 40:31), gaining both security and perspective.

## Historical Context

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Eagles in the biblical world were observed nesting on virtually inaccessible cliff faces, beyond reach of predators or humans. This made eagles symbols of security, strength, and freedom. God's question implies: who teaches eagles to select such strategic locations and build nests that endure for generations on precarious perches?

## Related Passages

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does dwelling in God as your 'rock and strong place' provide security in life's precarious circumstances?
2. What spiritual perspective do you gain from 'dwelling on high' with God rather than remaining on comfortable, earthly plains?
3. In what ways is God calling you to build your life in places that seem harsh or inaccessible but provide divine security?

## Interlinear Text

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לֶּ	סָ	שָׁכַן	וְיִתְּלָהּ	עַל	שֵׁן	לֶּ	סָ
of the rock	She dwelleth	and abideth	H5921	upon the crag	of the rock		
H5553	H7931	H3885		H8127	H5553		

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