

Note #61—Proverbs 30:4

4 מי עלה-שמים וירד מי אסף-רוח בחפניו
מי צרר-מים בשמלה מי הקים
כל-אפסי-ארץ מה-שמו ומה-שם-בנו כי
תדע:

4. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his Son's name, if thou canst tell?

[It will not do to try to bring Israel in here as the Son, since the context reflects back to Proverb 8 and especially 8:30. Israel is scarcely mentioned or thought of in Proverbs. The figure of a son toiling by the side of his father was a familiar one, and is an arresting metaphor for God's primordial Wisdom toiling creatively in the beginning with God. Likewise, Psalm 2:7, Psalm 89:27-28, and Isaiah 9:(5)6 are passages where the Messiah is pictured as God's Son, his firstborn in the sense of his heir coming in divine glory (see Daniel 7:13-14 on the Son who comes in the clouds with God to "divide the spoil with the strong" (Isaiah 53:12) and to govern eternally—Isaiah 9:7(6).]