Moshe and Iyov Shmot – 2017

Bava Batra 14b

Who wrote them? Moshe wrote his book, the passage of Bilam, and Job. Yehoshua wrote his book and the last eight verses of the Torah.

ומי כתבן? משה כתב ספרו ופרשת בלעם ואיוב; יהושע כתב ספרו ושמונה פסוקים שבתורה.

What light do the passages below shed on why Moshe would write the book of Job?

Shmot 4:11-12, 4:14, 4:15, 4:17

"Who gave man a mouth?" replied G-d. "Who makes a person dumb or deaf? Who gives a person sight or makes him blind? It is not I – G-d? Now go! I will be with your mouth and teach you what to say."...Is not Aaron the Levite your brother?...You will be able to speak to him, and place the words in his mouth. I will then be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what to do...Take this staff in your hand. With it, you will perform signs.

וּיֹאמֶר ה' אֵלְיו, מִי שְׁם פֶּה לְאָדָם, אוֹ מִי-יָשׁוּם אִלֵּם, אוֹ חֵרֵשׁ אוֹ פָקֵּחַ אוֹ עוּר--הֲלֹא אָנֹכִי, ה'. וְעַתָּה, לֵךְ; וְאָנֹכִי אָהְיֶה עִם-פִּיךְ, וְהוֹרֵיתִיךְ אֲשֶׁר תְּדַבֵּר...הֲלֹא אַהֲרֹן אָחִיךְ הַלֵּוִי... וְדַבַּרְתָּ אֵלָיו, וְשַׁמְתָּ אֶת-הַדְּבָרִים בְּפִיו; וְאָנֹכִי, אָהְיֶה עִם-פִּיךְ וְעִם-פִּיהוּ, וְהוֹרֵיתִי אֶתְכֶם, אֵת אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשׂוּן... וְאֶת-הַמַּטֶּה הַזֶּה, תִּקְח בְּיָדֶךְ, אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה-בּוֹ, אֵת-הָאֹתֹת

Job 38:1, 38:36-37, 40:9-12, 42:1-2, 42:4-6

Then the L-rd replied to Job out of the tempest and said:...Who put wisdom in the hidden parts? Who gave understanding to the mind? Who is wise enough to give an account of the heavens?...Have you an arm like God's? Can you thunder with a voice like His? Deck yourself now with grandeur and eminence; Clothe yourself in glory and majesty. Scatter wide your raging anger; See every proud man and bring him low. See every proud man and humble him, And bring them down where they stand...Job said in reply to the L-rd: I know that You can do everything, That nothing you propose is impossible for You...Hear now, and I will speak; I will ask, and You will inform me. I had heard You with my ears, but now I see You with my eyes; therefore, I recant and relent, being but dust and ashes.

וַיַּעַן-ה' אֶת-אִיּוֹב, מנהסערה; וַיּאֹמַר...מִי-שָׁת, בַּטַחוֹת חָכָמָה; אוֹ מִי-נַתַן לַשַּׂכוִי בִינַה. מִי-יַסְפָּר שׁחַקִּים בַּחַכְמָה...וֹאָם-זַרוֹעַ כָּאֵל לָרְ; וּבְקוֹל, כָּמֹהוּ תַרְעֵם. עֲדֵה נָא ָגָאוֹן וַגֹּבַהּ; וָהוֹד וְהָדֶר תִּלְבָּשׁ. ַהָפֶץ, עַבָּרוֹת אַפֶּך; וּרָאֵה כָל-גַאָה, וַהַשַּפִּילָהוּ. ראָה כָל-גַּאָה, רשַעים וֹנַדֹּרָ הַכְנִיעֲהוּ; ֹרַחְתָּם...וַיַּעַן אִיּוֹב אֵת-ה'; וַיּאֹמַר: כִּי-כֹל תּוּכָל; וָלֹא-יִבָּצֵר ידעת מזמה...שמע-נא, ואַנֹכי ממּרָ -אַדַבַּר; אֶשָׁאָלְךָּ, וְהוֹדִיעֵנָי. לְשֵׁמַע אֹזֶן שָׁמַעִתִּיך; וְעַתָּה, עֵינִי רָאָתְךָ. עַל-כֶּן, אֱמָאַס וְנָחַמְתִּי-עַל-עָפֶר ַואָפַר.