

# ***Job***

***“Persecuted/Afflicted”***

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# ***Genre***

## ***(Category of Literature)***

- Books of Poetry and Wisdom:
  - Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

# ***The Land of Uz***

## ***(1:1)***

- Jer. 25:20—God's Judgment poured out on the nations, including “all the kings of the land of Uz”
- Lam. 4:21—Scathing pronouncement of judgment: “Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, you who dwell in the land of Uz! The cup shall also pass over to you and you shall become drunk and make yourself naked”

# ***Job, a Historical Person***

- Ezek. 14:14, 20—“Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,’ says the Lord God”
- Jas. 5:11—“Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful”

# *Time Frame*

- Job counted his wealth in livestock (1:3), which was similar to Abraham's time
- Job was his family's priest (1:5), just like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- Job lived 140 years after he was restored (42:16)
  - This length of life fits with “the patriarchal age”

# *Time Frame*

- The divine name *Shaddai* (Almighty) is used 31 times
  - Similar to Abraham's time (Ex. 6:3)
- The book seems to be unaware of the Mosaic Law—no clear references to it

# *Key Words*

- **Almighty** (31 times)
  - 5:17; 6:4, 14; 8:3, 5; 31:35; 32:8
- **Fear/fears/feared** (20 times)
  - 1:1, 8-9; 2:3; 3:25; 28:28
- **Wisdom** (20 times)
  - 12:2, 12-13; 13:5; 28:12, 18, 20, 28

# ***“Sons of God”***

## ***Not Angels & Not in Heaven***

- 1:6; 2:1; 38:7—Gen. 6:2, 4; Mt. 5:9; Lk. 20:36; Rom. 8:14, 19; Gal. 3:26
  - “present themselves before the Lord”
    - Ex. 23:17; 34:23-24; Deut. 31:11
  - “the adversary” (1 Pet. 5:8) “came also among them to present himself before the Lord”—Satan did not go to Heaven
- 1:12; 2:7—“went out from the Lord's presence”
  - Gen. 3:8; 4:16; Jonah 1:3, 10



# ***Verses to Remember***

- 1:20-22; 2:9-10
- 13:4, 15
- 14:1, 14
- 16:2, 19, 21
- 19:23, 25
- 23:3, 10

# ***Chapters to Remember***

## **Chapters 32 & 42**

- 32:2-3—Elihu's proper assessment
- 42:1-6—Job acknowledges his lack of understanding
- 42:12—God's goodness toward Job

# *Overview Outline*

Chs. 1-3: Job's status, Satan's accusation, God's verdict and Job's lament

Chs. 4-31: Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar argue with Job and attribute Job's suffering to personal sin

Chs. 32-37: Elihu speaks

Chs. 38-42: God speaks

# ***Outline by Chapter***

Ch. 1—Satan: Does Job fear God for nothing?

Ch. 2—Satan: Skin for skin; Lord: spare his life

Ch. 3—Job cursed his birth

Ch. 4—Eliphaz: Who perishes being innocent?

Ch. 5—Eliphaz: Don't despise God's reproof

Ch. 6—Job: How have I erred? (v. 24)

Ch. 7—Job to God: Have I sinned? (v. 20)

# ***Outline by Chapter***

Ch. 8—Bildad: If you were upright (v. 6)

Ch. 9—Job: God is not a man (v. 32)

Ch. 10—Job to God: Let me know why

Ch. 11—Zophar: God knows false men

Ch. 12—Job: the Lord has done this (v. 9)

Ch. 13—Job: Worthless physicians

Ch. 14—Job: Man is of few days

# *Outline by Chapter*

Ch. 15—Eliphaz: Your mouth condemns you

Ch. 16—Job: You are sorry comforters

Ch. 17—Job: The grave is ready for me

Ch. 18—Bildad: You keep talking

Ch. 19—Job: Pity me, God has struck me (v. 21)

Ch. 20—Zophar: Triumph of the wicked is short

Ch. 21—Job: Why do the wicked live on?

# ***Outline by Chapter***

Ch. 22—Eliphaz: Your great wickedness (v. 5)

Ch. 23—Job: When He has tested me (v. 10)

Ch. 24—Job: God seems to ignore wrongs

Ch. 25—Bildad: How can man be righteous?

Ch. 26—Job: God's greatness

Ch. 27—Job: My integrity...you act foolishly

Ch. 28—Job: Where is wisdom and  
understanding? (v. 12, 28)

# ***Outline by Chapter***

Ch. 29—Job: Longing for the past (v. 2)

Ch. 30—Job: Mocked; dust and ashes

Ch. 31—Job: Let God know my integrity

Ch. 32—Elihu: Elihu's anger burned (vv. 2-3)

Ch. 33—Elihu: God is greater than man (v. 12)

Ch. 34—Elihu: God will not act wickedly (v. 12)

Ch. 35—Elihu: Are you more right than God?



# ***Outline by Chapter***

- Ch. 36—Elihu: More to be said in God's behalf
- Ch. 37—Elihu: Consider God's wonders (v. 14)
- Ch. 38—Lord: I will question you! (v. 3)
- Ch. 39—Lord: Do you know? (v. 1)
- Ch. 40—Lord: I will question you; behemoth
- Ch. 41—Lord: What about Leviathan? (v. 1)
- Ch. 42—Job: I repent; the Lord restores

# ***Applications***

- We may not know why things happen, especially bad things
  - We don't have to know the answer to “why?” when we know Who is in control
- We simply have to trust God and God’s plan
- God is right, gracious and compassionate
- He will work all things together for our good (Rom. 8:28)

# *Trivia*

Who were Job's three “friends”?

2:11

Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite  
and Zophar the Naamathite

Who were Job's three daughters?

42:13

Jemimah, Keziah and Keren-Happuch

# ***Memory Verse Review (1 Chronicles—Esther)***

- 1 Chron. 29:5b—“Who then...?”
- 2 Chron. 7:14—“If My people...”
- Ezra 7:10—“For Ezra...”
- Neh. 8:8—“So they read distinctly...”
- Esther 4:14b—“Yet who knows...”

# ***Memory Verse for Job***

23:12b

“I have treasured the words of His mouth  
more than my necessary food”