

INTRO REMARKS:

Job

A. Introduction

1. Title: "Job" (1:1[54x]; Ezek. 14:14, 20)

2. Author

3. Date

a. The Events: c. 1800-1500 B.C.

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1) The Lands

a) Uz (1:1 w/ Gen. 22:21)

b) Buz (32:1 w/ Gen. 22:21)

c) Sheba (1:15 w/Genesis 25:3)

2) Patriarchal Life (1:5)

3) Job's Life Span (42:16; cf. Gen. 25:7; 35:28; 47:28)

4. The Writing: c. 1400-930 B.C.

5. Canonical details

B. Outline

Suffering and Sovereignty

1. Disasters of Job (1-2)
2. Dialogues of Job (3-37)
3. Deliverance of Job (38-42)

People:

Job: Trusted God in extreme testing

Satan: Attempts to provoke Job to curse God & commit apostasy

C. Major Themes

1. The “Righteous” Man Job (1:1, 8; 2:3) who became a Suffering Servant of Yahweh (1:8; 2:3; 42:7, 8)
 - a. “Complete, blameless, integrity” (1:1, 8; 2:3, 9; 4:6; 8:20; 9:20, 21, 22; 12:4; 21:23; 27:5; 31:6)
 - b. “Just, upright” (1:1, 8; 2:3; 4:7; 8:6; 17:8; 23:7; 33:27)
 - c. “Righteous, righteousness” (4:17; 6:29; 8:3, 6; 9:2, 15, 20; 10:15; 11:2; 12:4; 13:18; 15:14; 17:9; 22:3, 19; 25:4; 27:5, 17; 29:14; 31:6; 32:1, 2; 33:12, 32; 34:5, 17; 35:2, 7; 36:3, 7; 40:8)

2. Suffering and the Attack against Job

a. Satan (1, 2)

b. Yahweh (2:3; 38:1-42:6)

c. The Three Friends (2-31; 42:7-9)

- Eliphaz: Bad counsel based on experience
- Bildad: Bad counsel based on traditions
- Zophar: Bad counsel based on religious convictions

d. Elihu (33-37)

3. The Sovereignty of Yahweh (38-42)
 - a. The Creator
 - b. The Controller of the Universe
 - c. Infinitely Wiser than Men
4. Man is not in ultimate control of life & events

- Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 When I gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has been done on the earth (even though one should never sleep day or night), 17 and I saw every work of God, I concluded that man cannot discover the work which has been done under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and though the wise man should say, "I know," he cannot discover.
 - Job 1:21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."
5. The necessity of human caution to explain the Why behind suffering

6. The necessity of a humble, surrendered-trust before God

7. God will sovereignly preserve & bless his people

- “Shall we accept good from God and not accept adversity?” (2:10)
- John 10:28 I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

D. Purpose: The response of the righteous man to suffering must be worship of and submission to Yahweh.

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Job

The Prologue	The Discourses	The Epilogue
Prose	Poetry	Prose
Emphasis: Job's Impeccable Character 1:1	Emphasis: A Discussion on Why Job Suffered 3:1	Emphasis: Job's Vindication 42:7

Job 3:1-27:23

Job's Curse	1 st Cycle of Debate	2 nd Cycle of Debate	3 rd Cycle of Debate
Job Cursed the Day of His Birth and Longed for Death 3:1	Eliphaz/Job (4-7) Bildad/Job (8-10) Zophar/Job (11-14) 4:1	Eliphaz/Job (15-17) Bildad/Job (18-19) Zophar/Job (20-21) 15:1	Eliphaz/Job (22-24) Bildad/Job (25-27) 22:1

Job 29:1-42:6

Job's Final Speech	The Speeches of Elihu	Yahweh's Interrogation of Job	
Job's Past (29) Job's Present (30) Job's Protest of Innocence (31) 29:1	1 st Speech (32-33) 2 nd Speech (34) 3 rd Speech (35) 4 th Speech (36-37) 32:1	The 1 st Interrogation 38:1	The 2 nd Interrogation 40:6