

# JOB

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #18



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WRITTEN: UNKNOWN

**BOOK HIGHLIGHT:** Possibly the oldest book in the Bible

18

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

### BOOK SUMMARY:

- The Book of Job is the story about a man who goes thru extreme testing with the loss of his children, business and eventually his own health.

### KEY VERSES:

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. **Job 2:9-10**

## Important Points about the Book:

- Job's blessings and possessions are described in Chapter 1. Then his losses in the trial from Satan are described, ending in Chapter 2.
- In Chapter 3-37, Job converses with three friends who showed up. They want to make him feel better but that gets turned around by them telling Job that the reason he is going thru all of this trial is his own fault because he must have sinned in some way.
- In Chapters 37-40, God confronts them all, including Job, with a discourse on why they are not big enough or smart enough to question who God is or what He does.
- In the last chapter, 42, God restores all of Job's losses, giving him twice as much as before as well as giving him 10 more children.

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**NUMBER OF  
CHAPTERS:**  
42



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**TYPE:**  
POETRY



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**DATE WRITTEN:**  
AROUND 1900 BC



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**PERIOD COVERED:**  
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## BREAKDOWNS

Job 1-2	God Offers Job to Satan
Job 3	Job Speaks for the First Time
Job 4-31	Job's Friends Share Their Opinions & Job Responds
Job 32-37	Words of Elihu
Job 38-41	God Speaks
Job 42:1-6	Job's Confession and Response to God
Job 42:7-17	God Speaks and Restores Job

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JOB:

- Chapters: 42
- Verses: 1,070
- Words: 18,098
- The land of Uz (1:1) is adjacent to the land of Midian where Moses lived for some 40 years.
- There are a couple of possibilities of the time period for the events of Job. One possibility is around or shortly after the Great Flood. Another is around the time of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob).
- Some factors to indicate the time of the Patriarchs:
  - ◆ Job lived about 140 years after the events of the book took place (42:14). Therefore, his life span could be around 170-200 years. Abraham lived 175 years.
  - ◆ Job's wealth was measured in terms of livestock rather than silver and gold (1:3 & 42:12). Although it would be safe to assume he had silver and gold too.
  - ◆ Like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Job is the priest of his family and offers sacrifices.
  - ◆ There is no reference to the nation of Israel, the exodus from Egypt, the Mosaic Law, the Tabernacle, etc.

# J O B...

(taken from the introduction to Job, Common Man's Reference Bible)

...is the first book in a series of wisdom books (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations). It is the oldest book of the Bible and it was written close to the flood of Noah's day (21:11-14; 22:14-17). The purpose of the book reveals the absolute power God has over Satan (41:1-5). God used Job to challenge Satan and Satan lost both contests.

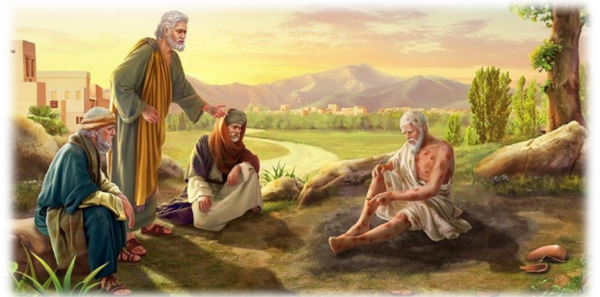
Job's strength came from the words of God even though he had no written revelation of the words of God (Num. 12:6; Job 23:10-12). The conversation between Job and his three friends reveals some truths of the Great Tribulation, the sufferings of Jesus Christ (19:1-21), and the sufferings of a sinner in hell (18:11-21), but Job received no comfort. Elihu gave his opinion of the frailty of man and the power of God (36:22), but God ceased all conversations with an infallible display of His power and His demand for man's worship.

Doctrinally, Job pictures Jewish saints of the Tribulation in the land of Uz (Lam. 4:21-22), who will be persecuted directly by Satan (Rev. 12:13-17). The book contains 42 chapters, equaling the 42 months of the Great Tribulation (Rev. 11:1-2). The three friends picture the persecutors of the Jews during the trials of their faith. Job's captivity pictures the captivity of the Jews (42:10; Ps. 126). Job was patient with God, his wife, his friends, and time. The true patience of Job gives comfort for the sufferings of others (2 Cor. 1:3-7; James 5:10-11).

Spiritually, the book gives wisdom regarding the sufferings of man. It also reveals that self-righteousness is fatal (27:6; 29:14; 32:1; Rom. 10:1-4). Much scientific information about the creation can be gleaned from the LORD'S answer in Job 38-42. It appears that Elihu was the author of the 1,070 verses of the book (31:35; 32:15-18; 34:34-37). The major events of the book could all have taken place within a month.

## SOME KEY VERSES IN JOB...

- ⇒ 1:21-22—Job's verbal response to losing everything
- ⇒ 12:2—Job chides his friends about their 'wisdom'
- ⇒ 13:15-16—Job's steadfast faith in God no matter what
- ⇒ 16:2—Job describes the greatest "quality" of his friends
- ⇒ 23:10—Job's hope and confidence in God
- ⇒ 23:12—Job's priority of God's Words
- ⇒ 42:5—Job's faith becomes sight



## THE LESSON OF TRUE REPENTANCE IN JOB...

- ⇒ Chapters 39-41—God presents Job with a very clear picture of who God is and what power He has in the form of questions to him.
- ⇒ 40:4—Job's response. A true vision of God produces this reaction from a sincere and honest person.
- ⇒ 42:6—Job's second response. This is a classic example of true repentance. Job was not only sorry for his sin, he was sorry for his sinful self. The object of the sorrow was not just the sinful actions, but the wrong attitude.

**True repentance is sorrow for doing wrong and being wrong.**

# JOB'S IMMEDIATE AND UNCOMMON RESPONSE TO LOSING EVERYTHING HE HAD...

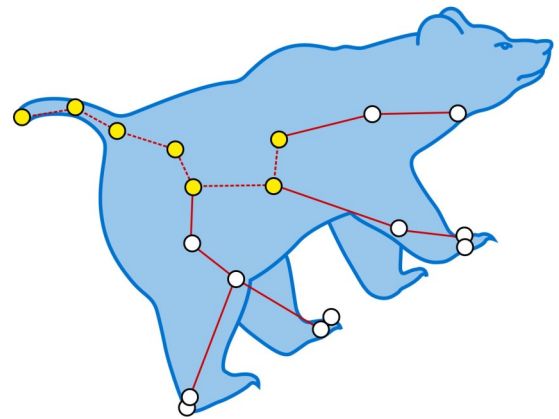
*Job 1:20—Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped...*

## JOB—A SCIENCE BOOK

- ⇒ Chapter 38—The interrogation of God to Job in the form of questions contains scientific information about the origin of the earth and man.
- ⇒ The questions deal with: erosion, biology, agronomy, astronomy, electromagnetism, geography, gravity, light rays, phonetics, physics, philosophy, oceanography, survival of the fittest, telephony and the weather.
- ⇒ 38:31-32—Constellations.
  - ◇ Pleiades appears in the spring.
  - ◇ Orion appears in the winter.
  - ◇ Arcturus is a star known as the “Guardian of the Bear” which is ‘near’ the Ursa Major constellation.
  - ◇ Part of the Ursa Major constellation is a group of seven stars known as the “Big Dipper”.



*The Big Dipper*



*Ursa Major Constellation with  
The Big Dipper highlighted*

### \*INTERESTING SIDE NOTE ABOUT CONSTELLATIONS:

Evolution teaches that man has been on the earth for about 6,000,000 (six million) years, yet even in secular works about constellations, it is noted that constellations have only been studied and written about for up to 13,000 years at the most.

God does not need to be proven right. Science eventually “catches up” with the Bible.