

Job

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

JOB

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

18

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

42

TYPE

WISDOM/POETRY



OVERVIEW

This book records the story of Job, a righteous man who responds with faith to difficult trials in his life, including the loss of his children, property, and eventually his own health.



WRITTEN
About 1900 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
2100-1900 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown

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Key Verse

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

Job 1:21

Outline

Introduction of Job’s Suffering (Chapters 1-2)

Job’s Character (Job 1:1-5)

Unusual Dialogue Between God and Satan (Job 1:6-12; Job 2:4-6)

Job’s Suffering & Responses (Job 1:13-22; Job 2:7-10)

Job’s “Counselors” Arrive (Job 2:11-13)

Discussion of Job’s Suffering (Chapters 3-31)

Job expresses emotions concerning his pain. (Job 3:1-26)

First Set of Speeches

Eliphaz the Temanite (Job 4-7 - Job 4:7-8; Job 6:15)

Bildad the Shuhite (Job 8-10 - Job 8:3-6; Job 9:1, 15)

Zophar the Naamathite (Job 11-14 - Job 11:13-15; Job 12:1-3)

Second Set of Speeches (Chapters 15-21)

All his "counselors" insist Job is suffering for sin.

Job maintains his innocence, rebukes his counselors and pleads for their pity.

Job begins to question God. (Job 21:7-17)

Third Set of Speeches (Chapters 22-31)

Job's "counselors" begin listing specific sins that Job may have committed.

Job begins reflecting on the blessings and respect he had prior to his afflictions.

At the end of chapter 31, the speeches stop, and Job does not speak again until chapter 40.

Correction of Job's Suffering (Chapters 32-41)

Elihu (Job 32-37)

God (Job 38-41)

God turns Job's attention from his _____

to God's _____.

Submission Under Suffering (Job 42:1-6)

Restoration from Suffering (Job 42:7-17)

God rebukes Job's three friends for their distorted theology.

God restores Job to a greater state of prosperity.

Applications/Observations

Suffering is a sad reality of life even for the _____.

God is still in _____ even when life is _____.