

# Job

Job lived between the Flood and Abraham - chronologically First book of the Bible

What is it's Purpose?

Attitude toward God while living in a Corrupt World with Knowledge of Paradise.

Pain, Perplexity (Job 14:1)

Is there Purpose in Suffering? James chronologically First book of NT

(Jas 1:2-3) <sup>2</sup>My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

(Jas 5:10-11) <sup>10</sup>My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. <sup>11</sup>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.

## Chapter 1

Job is Righteous: Feared God, Shunned Evil (Job 1:2, 8, 2:3, 42:7-8 God declares it)

included with Noah and Daniel (Ezek 14:14)

God initiates Trial because of His Pleasure with Job

Satan Accuses Job of paying protection - is Granted Access

loses 7 sons, 3 daughters, wealth to raiders and “natural disasters”

Job's response: Immediate Worship (vs 20) - sets heart (good, love, just)

(Job 1:21-22) <sup>21</sup>And he said: “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.” <sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

specific sin: Blaming God (Mt 24:9-10 offense in response to tribulation)

Satan's prediction: “curse You to Your face” (vs 11) - fall away from faith

## Chapter 2

(Job 2:3) <sup>3</sup>Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.”

Satan: touch his flesh, he'll “curse You to Your face”

God: “he is in your hand” (vs 6)

Job is Picture of End Time Generation (God's purpose re: Satan?)

(Da 7:25) <sup>25</sup>He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

(see Dan 11:32-35 - exploits, instruct, refined)

Job: Pain (boils)

Perplexity: hand of God, Satan, man on him and can't distinguish between them

ex: David numbering Israel (2 Sam 24:1, 1 Chron 21:1)

(Job 2:9-10) <sup>9</sup>Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!” <sup>10</sup>But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

### **Chapters 3 - 37** Job's Three Friends (and Young Dude)

Doctrine: Reaping and Sowing (Gal 6:7-9)

Conclusion: Trial is Result of Job's Sin (Jn 9:2-3)

Confident talking *about* God (doctrine vs trust relationship)

Job Desired to talk *with* God (Job 5:8, 23:4-5), troubled at no response (Job 13:24, 23:8)

Job: I understand this simple doctrine (btw, not necessarily immediate - Psa 73)

I'm happy to be Corrected by God because He Redeems (Job 5:17-18)

I'm Innocent (Job 6: 24, 29)

### **Chapters 38-39** God Responds

(Job 38:1-3) <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

Unanswerable/Unfathomable Questions

Point: You Can't Understand My Perspective (faith when lack understanding?)

### **Chapters 40-41** God Continues

(Job 40:1-8) <sup>1</sup>Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said: <sup>2</sup>“Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it.” <sup>3</sup>Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>4</sup>“Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. <sup>5</sup>Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: <sup>7</sup>“Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me: <sup>8</sup>“Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?”

Job's Error: God has Denied Justice (Job 19:6-7, 27:2-6)

didn't break faith (Job 13:15 ~ Rev 12:11)

“What can you do?” Questions

Point: You have No Power to Execute Justice (Rom 12:19 - including when)

### **Chapter 42** Job has a Revelation

(Job 42:1-6) <sup>1</sup>Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>2</sup>“I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. <sup>3</sup>You asked, ‘Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup>Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, ‘I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’ <sup>5</sup>“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. <sup>6</sup>Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

No Questioning Your Justice, even if Delayed (Lk 18:1-8)

I will Trust/Worship even when I don't Understand (don't Hear)

You are way more Holy than I knew (Isa 6:5)

Job Accepted - 3 friends need Job's prayer to appease God's wrath

double wealth, 7 sons, 3 daughters (named) - prophetic (Job 42:15)

Book: *Pain, Perplexity and Promotion* - Bob Sorge

Promotion: Forerunner - the example of integrity before God (Dan 11:33 instruct many)

consider how God Promotes great men - Joseph, David, Paul (Acts 9:15-16)

Trust God's Intentions regardless of Circumstances (Jer 29:10-14) Job 23:10

Job's Eternal Perspective - Job 19:25-27

(Job 19:25-27) <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth;  
<sup>26</sup>and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>Whom I shall see  
for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!