

## # 16 - Bible Overview

### Book of Job

Books of Bible:

The Law: *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy*



Creation, Slavery in Egypt, Exodus from Egypt under leadership of Moses, Wander in the desert for 40 years, God gave Jewish people the Ten Commandments and other laws to live by as a nation.

History: *Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*



These books describe the history of the nation of Israel and are divided into two sections: Pre-Exile History and Post Exile History.

Pre Exile are *Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings*. These detail entering the Promised Land and building the nation and finally becoming a monarchy.

Post Exile books are Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. These books take place after Israel is conquered and the people are disbursed throughout other countries. Israel is left in ruins. Ezra and Nehemiah tell about the first groups of people to return to Israel. They rebuild the Temple and the walls around Jerusalem.

In the book of Ezra we learn that Zerubbabel took the first exiles back to Israel. Ezra oversaw the second contingent's return back to their homeland. The Book of Nehemiah tells how Nehemiah led the third group to build the walls around Jerusalem. Esther is a story about people who lived in exile in Persia and how Esther (an orphan Jewish girl) becomes Queen and saves the Jews from annihilation.

This week we start the next group of books that are Poetry. These books include: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. Today we look at Job.

Here are some interesting facts about Job:

1. This story probably took place during the time of the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So it took place during the time that Genesis was written.
2. We don't know who wrote this book. Some people think Moses or Solomon. Of course, Job may have written the book.
3. Some people believe it was the first book to be written.
4. Other books in the Bible mention Job (Ezekiel 14:14 and James 5:11) as a real person.

This book is very difficult to understand. It is about a man who lived during the time of the patriarchs and was a believer of the God of Abraham. He was righteous. He was also very wealthy with a large family.

Satan wanted to prove that Job was righteous and loved God only because he was so blessed. Terrible tragedies happened to Job, and his friends believed

he must have sinned against God or these bad things would not have happened.

Job defended himself against these accusations. He also questions why God was allowing these terrible things to happen. However, Job still remained faithful.

God rebuked Job's friends for assuming sin has caused Job's problems. He also rebuked Job for questioning Him. He asks Job questions such as:

1. Where was Job when God laid the foundations of the earth?
2. Who keeps the sea in its boundaries?
3. Does Job control day and night?
4. Can Job make it rain or cause other weather?
5. Who directs the stars, sun, and moon?
6. Who makes the seasons?

These were just a few questions that God asked Job. Of course, Job couldn't answer them.

In the end God gives back to Job everything he lost plus more.

What we learn about suffering is that Satan thinks we believe and love God only when things go well. Job's friends believe suffering is always caused because we sin. God wants us to believe and love him despite suffering. He wants us to trust Him for who He is and not what He does.

When we read this book, it seems like God was unfair to Job, but we must understand that God is just. In fact, God is the moral standard for everything including justice. Therefore, whatever God does is righteous - even if we don't understand it in our humanness. Someday we will understand.

## DEVOTION

Read Job 10: 1-7 and 38: 1-7 and 40: 1-5 and 42: 1-16

Why did God ask Job questions? What was God trying to show Job?

- a. That God is sovereign
- b. That God was mad at Job
- c. To scare Job.

T or F: Because God determines all morality, He is always just.

T or F: God was angry with Job's friends.

Why did Job pray for his friends?

- a. So that God would forgive his friends for saying untrue things about God.
- b. So that his friends would become wealthy again.
- c. So that his friends would not die.

## PRAYER

Dear God, We don't understand who you are or why things happen in this fallen world. Help me to stay faithful and trust you even when things are not going well. You are sovereign and someday I will understand everything. Until then bless me with trust and faith. Amen.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am

\_\_\_\_\_ years old. I am walking through the Bible with

\_\_\_\_\_ on this date \_\_\_\_\_.

## FOR A TODDLER

What you need: Nothing extra today

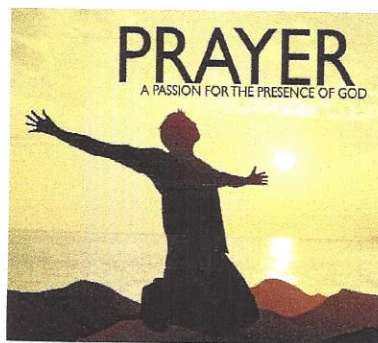
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There was a man names Job. He loved and obeyed God. One day tragedy struck Job and his family. Tragedy means that sad things happened.

What do you think Job did?



Got mad at God



Talked to God



Was happy

Even though sad things happened, Job learned something important about God. What do you think he learned?



Bad things happened to Job because God was mad at Job.



God loved Job even when bad things happen.

## PRAYER

God, even when things happen that make me sad, help me to know that you are in control and still love me. I want to trust and love you all the time.  
Amen.

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