

JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS

JOB

CYCLE 1
CHAPTERS 13-14

CYCLE 2
CHAPTERS 15-21

CYCLE 3
CHAPTERS 22-28

- FOCUS OF DEBATE**
- 1 IS GOD **JUST**?
 - 2 DOES GOD RUN THE UNIVERSE ON THE STRICT PRINCIPLE OF **JUSTICE**?
 - 3 HOW IS JOB'S SUFFERING TO BE EXPLAINED?

BIG ASSUMPTION



3-37

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JOB

- BLAMELESS
- RIGHTEOUS
- HONORS GOD

“HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE BLAMELESS, RIGHTEOUS JOB?”

“JOB IS ONLY RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE YOU REWARD HIM. LET HIM SUFFER, THEN SEE HOW RIGHTEOUS HE IS.”

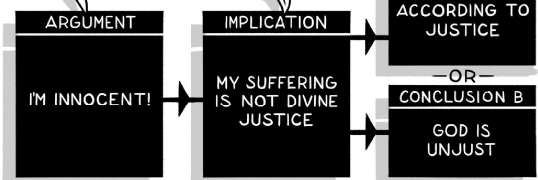
THE SATAN

“SAH-TAHN” = THEORETICAL ACCUSOR, PROSECUTOR

3-28

JOB

JOB IS RIGHT



JOB'S PROTEST

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

“WHY HAS GOD DENIED ME JUSTICE AND MADE MY LIFE BITTER?” 27:2

“GOD ATTACKS ME, TEARS ME UP IN ANGER, AND GNASHES HIS TEETH AT ME.” 16:9

“HE DESTROYS THE BLAMELESS AND THE WICKED, HE MOCKS THE DESPAIR OF THE INNOCENT.” 9:22-23

“WHAT HOPE DO THE GODDESS HAVE WHEN GOD TAKES AWAY THEIR LIFE?” 27:8

THE FRIENDS



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ELIHU



JOB'S LAST STATEMENT

29-31

- ASSERTS INNOCENCE
- DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

“I SIGN MY DEFENSE, LET THE ALMIGHTY ANSWER ME!” (31:35)

WHY? BUT: WE ASSUME THE BOOK WILL ANSWER WHY GOD ALLOWS SUFFERING. IT DOESN'T...

THE REAL QUESTIONS: IS GOD JUST? DOES HE RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE?

JOB'S WIFE

“CURSE GOD AND DIE!”

ELIPHAZ THE THAMINITES

BILDAF THE SHUITE

ZOPHAR THE NAHATHITE

“BEST OF ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN THOUGHT”

JOB

ASHES

PROLOGUE

JOB & THE FRIENDS

JOB

AN INVITATION TO TRUST GOD'S WISDOM

UNIQUE BOOK IN THE BIBLE



- SET IN “UZ,” FAR AWAY FROM ISRAEL
- ALL CHARACTERS ARE NON-ISRAELITES
- THERE IS NO CLEAR HISTORICAL SETTING

INTENTIONAL!

The Point

THE AUTHOR WANTS US TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY JOB'S SUFFERING

38-41

“A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE”

GOD

“WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE EARTH'S FOUNDATIONS?” (38:9)

JOB'S ASSUMPTION

GOD'S JUSTICE = HUMAN'S

DEEPER ASSUMPTION

JOB HAS ENOUGH PERSPECTIVE TO MAKE SUCH A CLAIM

GOD'S RESPONSE

JOB DOESN'T HAVE A UNIVERSAL VANTAGE POINT

CONCLUSION

JOB IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ACCUSE GOD

LIMITED PERSPECTIVE

THE POINT

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JOB

EVIL BOYS MURDER LIES

IT'S COMPLEX, AIN'T IT? = **GOD**

70B-71

SEE ISAIAH 27:1 & PSALMS 74:13-14

BEHEMOTH

LEVIATHAN

SYMBOLS OF DISORDER & DANGER

GOOD ORDERED BEAUTIFUL

GOD'S WORLD

NOT PERFECT WILD DANGEROUS

QUESTION	RESPONSE
WHY IS THERE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?	WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING WORLD THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUFFERING

JOB

“YOU ARE UNJUST!”

“I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!”

“YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE THAT CLAIM.”

“I INVITE YOU TO TRUST MY WISDOM.”

GOD

GOD'S RESPONSE

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42A

JOB

“I RETRACT & I REPENT.”

“JOB HAS SPOKEN RIGHTLY ABOUT ME.”

“YOU THREE SPOKE WRONGLY ABOUT ME.”

GOD

GOD HONORS

- JOB'S STRUGGLE
- JOB'S HONESTY
- JOB'S PRAYER

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JOB'S FAMILY & FORTUNES RESTORED

JOB

- 14K
- 6K
- 1K
- 1K

EPILOGUE