

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

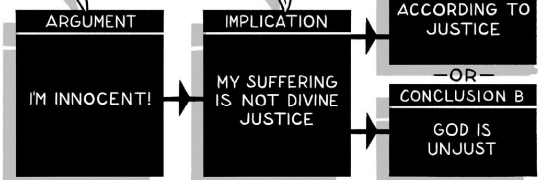
HUMAN ACTION	GOD'S JUSTICE
WISE & GOOD	SUCCESS & REWARD
EVIL & STUPID	DISASTER & PUNISHMENT

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JOB

JOB IS RIGHT

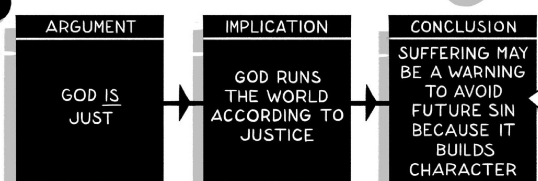


THE FRIENDS



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JOB & THE FRIENDS

JOB

AN INVITATION TO TRUST GOD'S WISDOM

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 GODLESS HAVE WHEN GOD TAKES AWAY THEIR LIFE?" 27:8

JOB'S LAST STATEMENT

29-31

- ASSERTS INNOCENCE
- DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

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

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

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A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE

38-39

GOD

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

JOB'S ASSUMPTION

GOD'S JUSTICE = HUMANS | GOD

GOD'S RESPONSE

JOB DOESN'T HAVE A UNIVERSAL VANTAGE POINT

DEEBER ASSUMPTION

JOB HAS ENOUGH PERSPECTIVE TO MAKE SUCH A CLAIM

CONCLUSION

JOB IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ACCUSE GOD

THE POINT

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JOB

EVIL & INJUSTICE MURDER LIES

IT'S COMPLEX, AIN'T IT? GOD

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BEHEMOTH

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

LEVIATHAN

SYMBOLS OF DISORDER & DANGER

GOOD ORDERED BEAUTIFUL

NOT PERFECT WILD DANGEROUS

GOD'S WORLD

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!

GOD

YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE THAT CLAIM. I INVITE YOU TO TRUST MY WISDOM.

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

42B

JOB'S FAMILY & FORTUNES RESTORED

JOB

14K

6K

1K

1K

EPILOGUE

PROLOGUE

1-2

JOB

- BLAMELESS
- RIGHTEOUS
- HONORS GOD

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE BLAMELESS, RIGHTEOUS JOB?

JOB IS ONLY RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE YOU REGARD HIM. LET HIM SUFFER, THEN SEE HOW RIGHTEOUS HE IS.

THE SATAN

SAH-TAHN 22 THEORETICAL ACCUSOR, PROSECUTOR

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 THYRANITE

BILDAD THE SHUITE

ZOPHAR THE NAHATHITE

JOB

BEST OF ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN THOUGHT

ASHES