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WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To encourage you to read at least one book of the Bible each month, so that you may better understand who God is and where you fit into His story.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
What does the text say?
- **INTERPRETATION:**
What does it mean?
- **APPLICATION:**
What did I learn that should affect my life?

YOU ARE HERE – OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua– Esther)
- ▶ Poetry (Job– Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)



REVIEW



JOB

MANKIND'S LIMITED PERSPECTIVE

THE POETRY OF JOB

Job is a Prose Narrative

It includes:

Prologue

Dialogue

Monologue

Epilogue





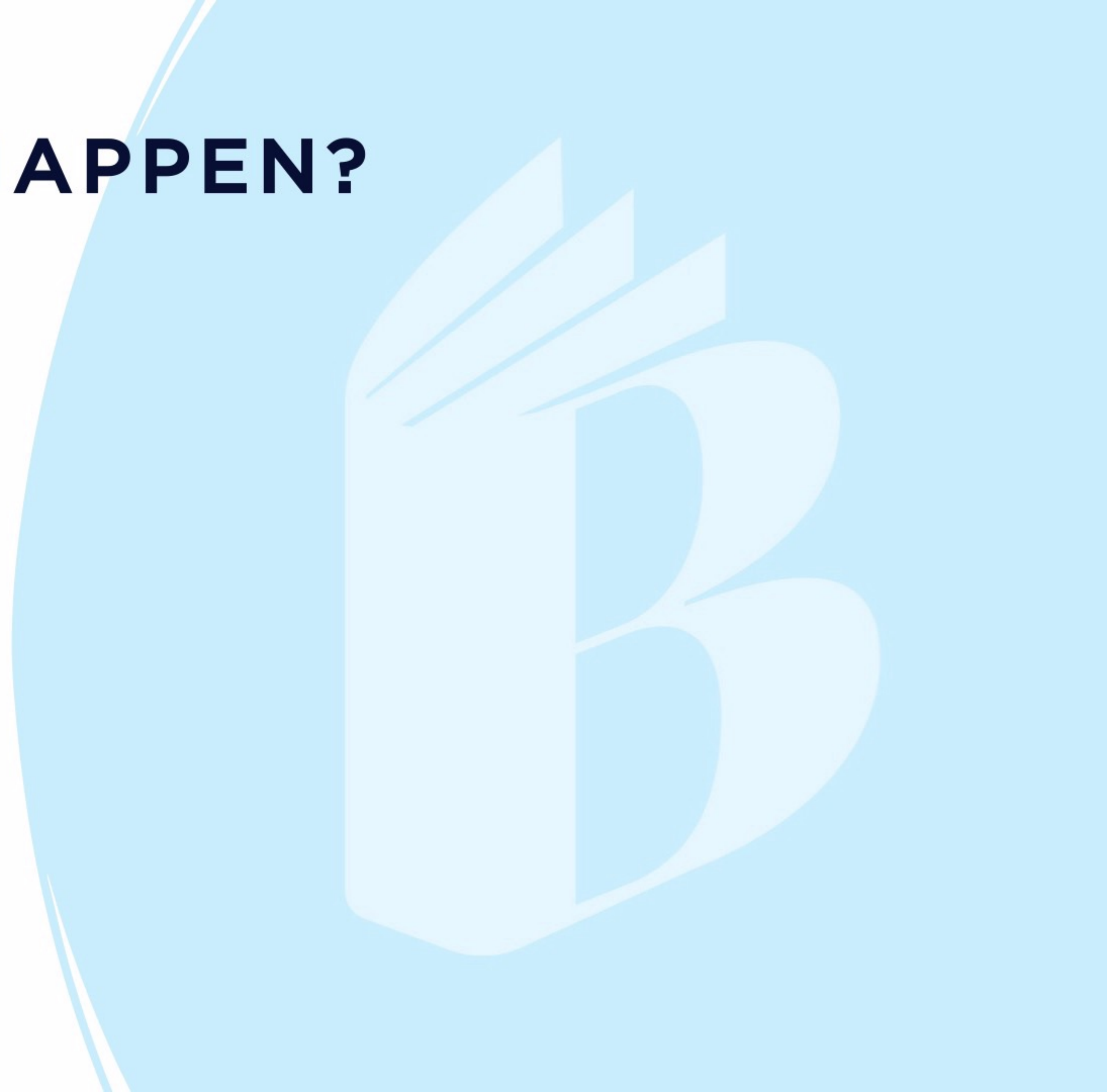
WHERE?

WHERE DID IT HAPPEN?

Two Locations:

Uz

The Heavenly Court



Possible Location of Uz

“Uz” might have meant “east”

Land of Uz

Land of Midian
(where Moses
lived for 40 years)

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Probably east of
the land of Israel
and east of Edom
in northern Arabia.



WHEN?

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

Probably during the Patriarchal Period

- Wealth was measured in animals
- No reference to the law
- No reference to Israel
- Job lived more than 140 years



WHO?

WHO WROTE IT?

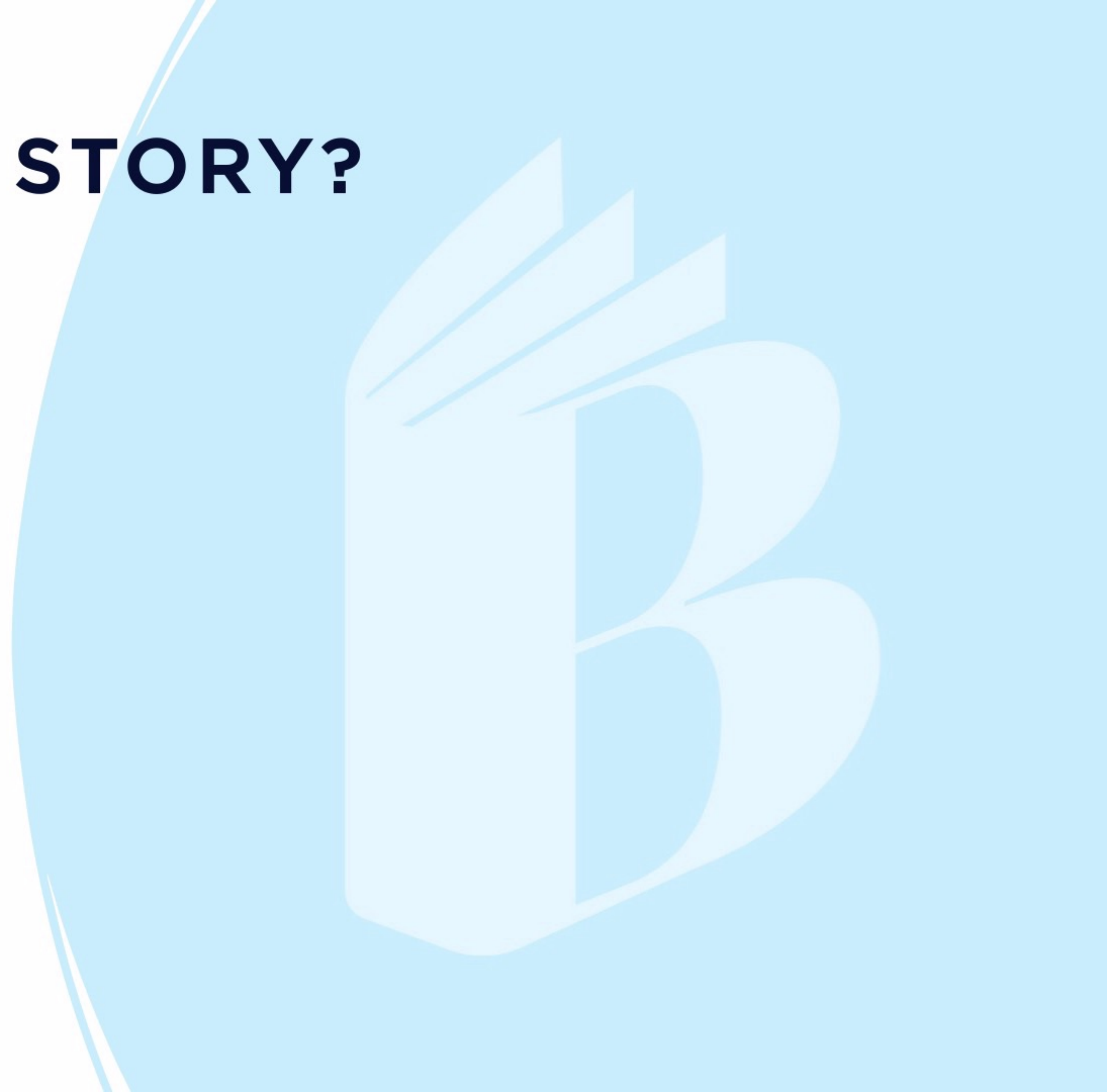
We don't know. Here are some guesses.

- Job?
- Moses?
- Solomon?



WHO IS IN THE STORY?

- God
- Satan
- Job
- Job's Family
- His Friends



GOD

- The members of the heavenly court present themselves to Him.
- He is the source of protection and blessing.
- He complements faithful children.
- He restricts Satan's ability to do damage.
- He reveals the magnificence of his power as Creator and Sustainer.
- He forgives and restores.

SATAN

- The Accuser
- Assumes everyone is evil and selfish
- Accountable to and limited by God
- Not omnipresent



JOB

- blameless—a man of complete integrity
- feared God and stayed away from evil
- had seven sons and three daughters
- owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys
- had many servants
- the richest person in that entire area

OTHER MENTIONS OF JOB

Ezekiel 14:14

Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, their righteousness would save no one but themselves, says the Sovereign LORD.

James 5:11

We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

JOB'S FAMILY

- His wife
- Brothers and Sisters
- 14 sons and 6 daughters
- Lived to see four generations of children and grandchildren

JOB'S FRIENDS

❖ Eliphaz, the Temanite

- A descendant of Teman [son of Esau]
- The Land of Teman [a region or city in Edom]

❖ Bildad, the Shuhite

- Shuah was a son of Abraham and Keturah

❖ Zophar, the Naamathite

❖ Elihu, the Buzite

THE STORY BEGINS

- One day, the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD
- the Accuser, Satan, came with them.
- “Where have you come from?” the LORD asked Satan
- Satan answered the LORD, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.”
- Then the LORD asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job?”

GOD DESCRIBES JOB

- the finest man in all the earth
- blameless—a man of complete integrity
- He fears God and stays away from evil



SATAN'S ACCUSATION/PREDICTION

- Job has good reason to fear God
- God has always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property
- God has made him prosper in everything he does
- Reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!

THE FIRST TEST

¹² “All right, you may test him,” the LORD said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.”

Job 1:12

JOB'S CALAMITY

- All of his animals and farmhands were killed
- His sheep and shepherds were killed.
- His camels and servants were killed.
- All ten of his children were killed.

JOB'S RESPONSE

²⁰ Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹ He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away. Praise the name of the LORD!”

²² In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

ANOTHER DAY IN THE HEAVENLY COURT

- Members of the heavenly court came again to present themselves before the LORD
- the Accuser, Satan, came with them.
- “Where have you come from?” the LORD asked Satan
- Satan answered the LORD, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.”
- Then the LORD asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job?”

GOD AGAIN DESCRIBES JOB

- the finest man in all the earth
- blameless—a man of complete integrity
- He fears God and stays away from evil
- He has maintained his integrity, even though you urged me to harm him without cause.”

SATAN'S ACCUSATION/PREDICTION

“Skin for skin! A man will give up everything he has to save his life. ⁵ But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!”

THE SECOND TEST

“All right, do with him as you please,” the LORD said to Satan. “But spare his life.”

Job 2:6

JOB'S PHYSICAL CALAMITY

He [Satan] struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot.

Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes.

JOB'S WIFE

⁹ His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”

¹⁰ But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?” So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

Job 2:9-10



JOB'S “FRIENDS”

¹¹ When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him. Their names were Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. ¹² When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. ¹³ Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.

Job 2:11-13

JOB BREAKS THE SILENCE (CHAPTER 3)

- Why wasn't I buried like a stillborn child,
like a baby who never lives to see the light?
- I cannot eat for sighing;
my groans pour out like water.
- What I always feared has happened to me.
What I dreaded has come true.
- I have no peace, no quietness.
I have no rest; only trouble comes."

ELIPHAZ RESPONDS (CHAPTERS 4,5,15,22)

- Surely resentment destroys the fool and jealousy kills the simple.
³ I have seen that fools may be successful for the moment, but then comes sudden disaster.
- My experience shows that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same.
- “But consider the joy of those corrected by God!
Do not despise the discipline of the Almighty when you sin.
- “We have studied life and found all this to be true.
Listen to my counsel, and apply it to yourself.”

BILDAD RESPONDS (CHAPTERS 8,18,25)

- Your children must have sinned against him,
so their punishment was well deserved.
- The same happens to all who forget God.
The hopes of the godless evaporate.

ZOPHAR RESPONDS (CHAPTERS 11,20)

- God is doubtless punishing you far less than you deserve!
- Don't you realize that from the beginning of time, ever since people were first placed on the earth, the triumph of the wicked has been short lived and the joy of the godless has been only temporary?

ELIHU RESPONDS (CHAPTERS 32-37)

- But you are talking nonsense, Job. You have spoken like a fool. (35:16)
- Be on guard! Turn back from evil, for God sent this suffering to keep you from a life of evil. (36:21)

JOB'S THOUGHTS ON HIS FRIENDS

(CHAPTER 6)

One should be kind to a fainting friend,
but you accuse me without any fear of the Almighty.

My brothers, you have proved as unreliable as a seasonal brook
that overflows its banks in the spring when it is swollen with ice
and melting snow.

Stop assuming my guilt, for I have done no wrong.

JOB CRIES OUT TO GOD (CHAPTER 7)

- O God, remember that my life is but a breath,
and I will never again feel happiness.
- I hate my life and don't want to go on living.
Oh, leave me alone for my few remaining days.
- Why not just forgive my sin
and take away my guilt?

JOB'S FAITH

- Though He slay me, yet will I wait for and trust Him. (13:15)
- But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.

And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God!

I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought! (19:25-27)

JOB QUESTIONS GOD

- Why do you reject me, the work of your own hands, while smiling on the schemes of the wicked? (10:3)
- Why do you turn away from me? Why do you treat me as your enemy? (13:24)
- Why doesn't the Almighty bring the wicked to judgment? Why must the godly wait for him in vain? (24:1)

GROUP TALK

What have you experienced in your life that
challenged your understanding of God?

GOD CHALLENGES JOB (CHAPTERS 38-41)

Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?
Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them. (38:2-3)

“Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic,
but do you have the answers?” (40:2)

GOD CHALLENGES JOB (CHAPTERS 38-41)

Will you discredit my justice and condemn me just to prove you are right? (40:8)

Are you as strong as God? (40:9)

JOB RESPONDS TO GOD (CHAPTER 42)

“I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. (42:2-3)

I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance. (42:5-6)

GOD BLESSES JOB (CHAPTER 42)

When Job prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before! (42:10)

GOD BLESSES JOB (CHAPTER 42)

So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters. (42:12-13)

GOD BLESSES JOB (CHAPTER 42)

Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and grandchildren. ¹⁷ Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life. (42:16-17)

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NEXT BOOK



PSALMS

Songs for God's People



Personal Prayers

Lament

Testimonies

Praise & Worship

History

Prophecy

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read the book of Psalms

**(The reading schedule covers about
73 verses each day.)**

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain
as you read and study along with
any questions you encounter.

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JOB (CHAPTER 6)

- “Oh, that I might have my request,
that God would grant my desire.
- ⁹ I wish he would crush me.
I wish he would reach out his hand and kill me.
- ¹⁰ At least I can take comfort in this:
Despite the pain,
I have not denied the words of the Holy One.
- ¹¹ But I don't have the strength to endure.
I have nothing to live for.