

Outline of Job	
1-3	Dialogue in Heaven
4-37	Dialogue on Earth
38-42	Dialogue Between Heaven and Earth

Author

Most Biblical scholars believe Moses wrote the book of Job. The setting is the time of the Patriarchs. Notice Job's age in 42:16, when man lived long lives. The book does not make reference to the Mosaic Law, seemly pre-dating the Law.

JOB

Job shows the proper relationship between God and man. That relationship is based solely upon the sovereign grace of God, and man's response of faith and submissive trust.

The Book of Job reminds us that there is a "cosmic conflict" going on behind the scenes that we usually know nothing about. Often we wonder why God allows something, and we question or doubt God's goodness, without seeing the full picture. We cannot always blame suffering and sin on our lifestyles. Suffering may sometimes be

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affliction. As the story progresses Job's attitude toward God degenerates. He finds fault with God and wants to contend with Him. Job appeals to God as his arbiter, but in a manner like shaking his fist at Him demanding an answer. This attitude problem toward God must and is corrected.

OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF JOB

1-2	3	4-28	29-31	32-37	38-42:6	42:7-17
Heaven's View	Job's Complaint and Dilemma	Job's Dialogue with his Friends	Job's Dispute with God	Elihu's Four Speeches	The Lord's Response	Job Repents and God Rewards
Satan accuses Job of only worshipping God because He Blesses his life	Job's dilemma is trying to explain what is happening to him	Uninformed counsel from Job's friends	Job's attitude is degrading toward God	Elihu blames Job's Pride as causing his suffering	Four points, but only three answered	God graciously rewards Job with more, but without obligation

Background

The Book of Job is one of the oldest books in the Bible. If you were to fit it chronologically, it should be place in the early chapters of Genesis. The book of Job says important things about suffering. Almost everyone at some point in life asks, "Why do bad things happen to good people? The Book of Job does not really answer the question, "Why is there suffering?" But it does show right and wrong ideas and feelings about suffering and the meaning of life.


allowed in our lives to purify, test, teach and/or strengthen us.

GOD'S RESPONSE TO JOB

Points Raised	Points Answered
God is in control	There is more to the situation than they realize
Greatness of God Revealed	Calls for humility
God operates by Design	Must be accepted by Faith
The issue of justice (why?)	?
God's justice is not explained. God does not try to account for His justice as though He were obligated to account for Himself. The very point of the book, everyone wants to know is "why", yet it is the very thing God does not answer.	

As we read the book remember that Job did not do anything wrong to prompt this

Job did not sin so as to deserve suffering, but in suffering he finds fault with God's character and nature. He could not reconcile his suffering with God as an impartial judge (9:15-24; 12:13-25).

 **CHRIST IN JOB**

- "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Jb.19:25). In the midst of suffering, Job had great confidence in the coming Redeemer, though he did not know His name.