

Job - Outline

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Summary:

Speaker ¹	Group ²	C	V	Description
~	Job's Character and Wealth	1	1-5	Job's Family, Wealth, and Spiritual Condition
God & Satan			6-12	Satan challenges God in regard to His protection of Job
~	Satan Allowed to Test Job		13-19	God allows Satan to attack only Job's children and wealth through various earthly means
Job			20-21	Job's attitude toward God
~			22	Job's spiritual state maintained
God & Satan	Job Loses His Health		2	1-6
~		7-8		Satan causes boils to develop on Job
Job & His Wife		9-10		Job's wife tells him to curse God, Job refuses
~		11-13		Job's friends come to sympathize and comfort him for 7 days and nights in silence: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, & Zophar the Naamathite
Job	Job's Lament	3	1-10	Job cursed the day he was born
			11-19	Death would have been better than living
			20-16	Why?
Eliphaz	Eliphaz: Innocent Do Not Suffer	4	1-6	You've help other in their suffering, why be angry with God now that it happens to you
			7-11	The guilty suffer at God's judgment
			12-21	Eliphaz's vision in a dream of someone asking what man can stand before God, even angels can be guilty
	God Is Just	5	1-7	Nothing apart from God and save men
			8-16	Seek God! He will provide protection from enemies.
Job	Job's Friends Are No Help	6	17-27	Accept God's discipline, He will provide soothing rest
			1-7	Job is despaired to the point of not wanting to eat
			8-13	Job's desire to have his prayers answered
			14-23	Job's friends consolation is like a stream that has dried up
			24-30	Job challenges his friends to show where he is wrong

1 Spaces with a “~” are narrative passages which do not have a specific speaker identified.

2 (NASB) “Group” column from the headings in the NASB text.

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	Job's Life Seems Futile	7	1-6	Job laments a pointless life
			7-10	The years of a life pass quickly and then are no more
			11-21	Job asks God why he is going through his present situation and how long it will last
Bildad	Bildad Says God Rewards the Good	8	1-7	Bildad exhorts that God will restore Job's uprightness
			8-10	Seek examples from the "fathers"
			11-22	Growth requires things that seem unlovely at the time to produce something useful Confidence in anything other than God will disappoint and fail God will restore the faithful
Job	Job Says There Is No Arbitrator between God and Man	9	1-12	Job extols God's greatness and omnipotence, being able to do anything He determines
			13-24	Job seeks to know how to plead with God for mercy and not sin when there seems to be no cause for his suffering
			25-35	Job feels his life slipping by quickly Job acknowledges that he can't "wash" himself clean enough to be able to stand before God No one can intercede for men with God, there is no mediator or umpire ³ Job seeks release from his present suffering and desire restoration
	Job Despairs of God's Dealings	10	1-7	Job gives full vent to his despair
			8-17	Job acknowledges that God made him and gave him life, but doesn't know why He withhold telling him his sins that he should suffer Job seeks to remain humble but his hardship continues
			18-22	Job, "Why did You let me be born then, only to suffer?"
Zophar	Zophar Rebukes Job	11	1-12	Zophar chastises Job for not letting God respond
			13-20	Zophar encourages Job to "inspect" his life to be rid of any sinful ways so that he can stand before God
Job	Job Chides His Accusers	12	1-6	Job declares that he knows the same truth Zophar teaches Job also believes his life has become a joke—a man whose prayers are no longer answered and unrighteous people prosper
			7-12	Job calls all of creation as witnesses of his suffering coming at the hand of God

3 It must be remembered that this was probably written either during or before the time of Abraham some 2,000 years or more before Christ fulfilled all the Messianic prophecies and is now ever before God making intercession for men (Hebrews 7:23-28).

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	Job Speaks of the Power of God		13-25	God possesses wisdom, might and understanding What He causes to happen, no one can undo He grants to men to have wisdom He raises up leaders of nations and withholds wisdom from whomever He chooses	
	Job Says His Friends' Proverbs Are Ashes	13	1-2	Job: "I have seen and know all the same things you have"	
			3-12	Job declares his friends arguments are but lies and asks them to consider what happens when God examines them	
	Job Is Sure He Will Be Vindicated		13-19	Job: I will speak, come what may. Job's hope will continue in God and will still seek to argue his case before God	
			20-28	Job asks God to do two things <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove Your hand from him Call and he will have a conversation with Him Job asks why he must continue in his present condition	
	Job Speaks of the Finality of Death		1-6	Man's life is short and no one can make him clean	
			7-12	Trees can grow again even if cut down, but men can't be revived if he dies	
			13-17	Job seeks God's protection from His wrath	
			18-22	Just as mountains crumble and erode, men fade under God's power	
	Eliphaz		Eliphaz Says Job Presumes Much	15	1-6
7-16					Eliphaz asks, "Who are you compared to God or even to other men and why do you presume to be worthy before God?"
What Eliphaz Has Seen of Life		17-35	Eliphaz shares his wisdom: wicked men suffer because he stretches out his hand against God and is arrogant before Him resulting in his suffering		
Job	Job Says Friends are Sorry Comforters	16	1-5	Job could speak the same things to his friends when they suffer, and they would feel like him	
	Job Says God Shattered Him		6-17	Job's despair continues whether he speaks or is silent because God allows his affliction to continue	
			18-22	Job earnestly desires to plead with God like he would his neighbor	
	Job Says He Has Become a Byword	17	1-2	Job feels like he is ready to die	
			3-5	Job asks God who would be his guarantor	
			6-16	Job believes his life is torn apart, its end will be in Sheol, and sees his friends as poor comforters	

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Bildad	Bildad Speaks of the Wicked	18	1-4	Bildad asks Job to engage in a conversation
			5-21	Bildad speaks of the fate of the wicked
Job	Job Feels Insulted	19	1-6	Job believes he has been insulted 10 times
	Everything Is Against Him		7-12	Job's cries for relief to God seem to go unanswered
			13-22	Job believes that he has become a stranger and alien to his family and friends Job asks: "Why do you persecute me as God does?"
			23-29	Job's faith in God's faithfulness has not failed Job 19:25 NASB "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
Zophar	Zophar Says, "The Triumph of the Wicked is Short"	20	1-11	Zophar is insulted by Job's retort and can't keep from speaking The wicked man's time of triumphing on the earth is short and then he is gone
			12-19	The wicked thinks his evil ways are "sweet" but it is poison to him and he ignores the things that truly sweet
			20-29	God will surely visit His anger on the wicked
Job	Job Says God Will Deal with the Wicked	21	1-16	Job asks his friends to be patient and then mock him later The wicked thrive and seem to have disdain for God, refusing to follow His commands
			17-26	The wicked seem to carry on and increase with God's judgment delaying
			27-34	The comfort of Job's friends only vainly comfort him while the wicked seem to go unpunished
Eliphaz	Eliphaz Accuses and Exhorts Job	22	1-11	A man's compassion for others makes him useful to God
			12-20	What path will you choose?
			21-30	Yield to God and be at peace ... "the humble person He will save."
Job	Job Says He Longs for God	23	1-7	Job longs to come before God and plead his case
			8-17	Job seeks but can't seem to find God who knows his searching Job continues to desire to do God's commands Job 23:12 NASB "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. God does whatever He has in mind and Job is fearful of His presence, yet still wanting to speak

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	Job Says God Seems to Ignore Wrongs	24	1-12	God seems to be silent and unmoved by the evils in the world
			13-17	The ways of those who rebel against the light
			18-25	God seems to be punishing the good rather than the bad Job seeks proof if he is wrong
Bildad	Bildad Says Man Is Inferior	25	1-6	Bildad: "How then can a man be just with God?"
Job	Job Rebukes Bildad	26	1-4	Job asks, "How does that help?"
	The Greatness of God		5-14	God sustains the universe and all things in it
	Job Affirms His Righteousness	27	1-6	Job remains steadfast in maintaining his righteousness
	The State of the Godless		7-12	Job desires his enemies to understand God's wrath
			13-23	Job describes what awaits the wicked if they continue in their ways
	Job Tells of Earth's Treasures	28	1-11	Job speaks of men's means of seeking out the treasures of God's earth
	The Search for Wisdom Is Harder		12-22	Man search for wisdom is even more difficult than his search for earth's treasures Job 28:20 NASB "Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding?"
			23-28	God is omniscient and knows wisdom Job 28:28 NASB "And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.'"
	Job's Past Was Glorious	29	1-20	Job reminisces of his recent past, when he was blessed by God, and he was a comfort for those in need
			21-25	Job was sought out as a good counselor
	Job's Present State is Humiliating	30	1-8	But now Job is mocked and is in need like those he helped
			9-15	People now shun Job rather than seek him out
			16-23	Job's days are filled with affliction and constantly calling out to God
24-31			Job comforted others but he is !!br0ken!!	
Job Asserts His Integrity	31	1-4	Job asks if God is aware of his actions	
		5-8	Job asks God to weigh his life accurately	
		9-12	Job hasn't committed adultery	

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			13-15	Job has treated his servants well
			16-23	Job has provided for those in need
			24-28	Job has not been greedy or committed adultery
			29-37	Job has not sought harm to his enemies or let foreigners go hungry Job seeks to declare his case before God
			38-40	Job has only gathered what was rightfully his
Elihu	Elihu in Anger Rebukes Job	32	1-5	Jobs friends could not speak to him any longer because of his attitude Elihu had delayed in speaking out of respect of his age, but could restrain himself no longer as the others haven't found an answer for Job
			6-10	Elihu has held his words out of respect for the other men's age
			11-14	The arguments of the others didn't answer Job's words
			15-22	Elihu could no longer keep silent waiting for Job to be answered
	Elihu Claims to Speak for God	33	1-7	Elihu asks Job to listen to his words as well and don't let them weigh too heavily as he too belongs to God
			8-12	Elihu tells Job his assertions are accurate
			13-18	Elihu asserts that God does reveal His actions in subtle ways and He keeps their souls from harm
			19-22	Man suffers anguish and refuses to eat
			23-28	Elihu calls for a mediator to speak and God to restore men's lives
			29-33	Elihu asks Job to listen to him and he will seek to justify him
	Elihu Vindicates God's Justice	34	1-9	Elihu chastises Job for his complaint
			10-15	Elihu declares that God is just and fair
			16-20	Elihu declares God's justice is impartial
			21-30	God knows and sees all of men's actions
			31-37	Job's rebellion is unjustified
	Elihu Sharply Reproves Job	35	1-8	God's righteousness is greater than any man's
			9-16	Elihu says that God doesn't answer men's cries out of their pride; men must wait for God's answer in His time
	Elihu Speaks of God's Dealings with Men	36	1-16	Elihu declares that God is fair in His dealings with men: To those who listen to God: comforted To those who refuse to listen: death in their sins

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			17-23	Elihu warns Job to not fall into the sin of scoffing God will teach His ways
			24-33	Remember to exalt God and His works which are evident
	Elihu Says God Is Back of the Storm	37	1-13	All of nature is a display of God voice
	14-20		Elihu asks Job to consider the mystery of God's ways	
	21-24		God is to be feared because of He is fair in His judgment	
God	God Speaks Now to Job	38	1-7	God asks Job to listen to His instructions: Who was with God when He created the universe?
	God's Mighty Power		8-11	Who was it that created and limited the seas?
			12-15	God asks if Job has the power to create each day
			16-18	God asks if Job has investigated the depths of the seas of the expanse of all the earth
			19-24	God asks if Job understands the working of nature
			25-30	God asks if Job can control the rain
			31-33	God asks if Job can control the stars and constellations
			34-38	God asks who has the wisdom to control the weather
	39-41	God asks who provides for all of creation		
	God Speaks of Nature and Its Beings	39	1-4	God asks Job to consider the birth of mountain goats and deer
	5-12		God asks Job to consider the wild donkey and wild ox	
	13-18		God asks Job to consider how He made the ostriches	
	19-25		God asks Job to consider the horse	
	26-30		God asks Job to consider the hawk and eagle	
	Job: What Can I Say?	40	1-2	God asks who will contend with God
	Job		3-5	Job's answer: I cannot answer but must remain silent
	God	God Questions Job	40	6-9
God's Power Shown in Creatures		10-14		God asks if Job can execute judgment like Him
		15-18	God asks Job to consider Behemoth ⁴	
		19-24	God declares Behemoth one of His greatest creations	

4 ((NASB) *Topical Reference Bible*) reference note identifies this as the hippopotamus. Some believe that this could also be description of dinosaurs and shows that men and dinosaurs lived together on the earth at the same time (Steel; Armstrong, M.D.; Morris, Ph.D., "Dinosaurs and The Bible"; *Men and Dinosaurs Coexisted*; "New Defenders Study Bible Notes").

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	God's Power Shown in Creatures	41	1-11	God asks Job to consider Leviathan ⁵
			12-34	God describes Leviathan's many marvelous natural defenses
Job	Job's Confession	42	1-6	Job acknowledges his error before God and repents
God	God is Displeased with Job's Friends		7-9	God chastises Eliphaz and his friends and tells them to offer a sacrifice and Job will pray for them because they did not speak for God
-	God Restores Job's Fortunes		10-17	God restores Job's fortunes and he is comforted and blessed in his latter days more than his beginning.

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