

HMR Men's Neighborhood Bible Study

Job - A Man of Trials, Tribulations, and Faithfulness

Lesson #1: Job 1-2 (Controversary between God and Satan)
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Series Overview

The book of Job provides one of the greatest narratives addressing the interaction of God, man, and Satan. We not only observe God's Sovereignty displayed in this incredible book, but the book dispels the notion that *bad things can't happen to good people*. The trials and tribulations to which Job was subjected, including the loss of his sons, daughters, wealth, and health, were used to display the incredible power God has in controlling the events in our lives and the faithfulness that one man could exhibit while enduring some of life's greatest challenges.

During the "time of COVID" we need to study men like Job in all their humanity struggle with the unknowns of life, while also trusting in God's overall goodness and mercy. When we know God has a plan, specifically one for our lives, it makes almost any experience bearable. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV): *That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

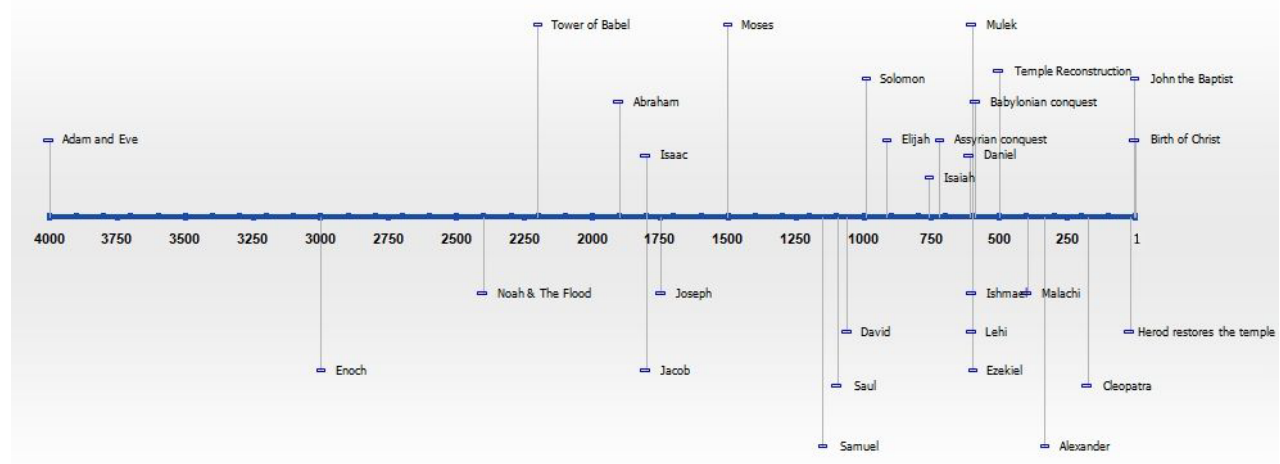
Provided below is the outline for our series that will cover 42 chapters in the book of Job over a 7-lesson period. All Scripture is God-breathed and intended to transform our lives. The book of Job is no exception as God intended for us to learn from Job's experiences. God's desire is that as we endure trials and tribulations in our own lives, we remain laser-focused on Him and His plan for our lives. It is essential that we believe He has everything under control, that nothing surprises Him, and through all circumstances His desire is to transform us to be more like Jesus.

Focus	Dilemma of Job	Debate of Job					Deliverance of Job
Lesson Number	1 September 8	2 September 22	3 October 6	4 October 20	5 November 3	6 November 17	7 December 1
Divisions	Controversy between God and Satan	First Cycle of Debate	Second Cycle of Debate	Third cycle of Debate	Final Debate from Job	Solution per Elihu	Controversy between God and Job
Biblical Passage	Job 1:1 to 2:13	Job 3:1 to 14:22	Job 15:1 to 21:34	Job 11:1 to 26:14	Job 27:1 to 31:40	Job 32:1 to 37:24	Job 38:1 to 42:17
Topics	Conflict & Prose	Debate & Poetry					Repentance & Prose
Location	Heaven & Earth	Land of Uz (North Arabia)					Heaven & Earth
Time	Patriarchal Period (c. 2,000 B.C.)						

1. Read Job 1:1-12. What do we learn about Job in terms of the following characteristics?
 - a. Wealth
 - b. Family
 - c. Relationship with God

2. Considering the following timeline, what's impressive about Job's relationship with God and His commitment to Him considering he likely around 2,000 B.C.?

Old Testament Chronology 4000 B.C. - 1 A.D.



3. Read Job 1:13-19. What were the four losses that Job experienced listed in this passage?
4. In reading Job 1:2-22 what do we learn about the type of man Job was in terms of His commitment to God? What can we learn from Job?
5. As if Job had not experienced enough, Satan once again approached God to see in what ways he could "tempt and challenge" mankind to try and draw them away from following God. Read Job 2. What permission was granted to Satan from God? What assurances can we get from this passage?
6. Read 2:9-12 to learn about Job's wife and friends. What were their responses to Job's plight? As you have gone through difficult times in your life, how have others either encouraged or discouraged you?

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM (Job 3:1 to 14:22: First Cycle of Debate)