

A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Job

"A Righteous Man Suffers"

Title:

Summary: "Burdened by Satan's bitter testing, Job questions God's purpose for allowing him to suffer."

- Job: named after the main character of the book.
 - Job's name comes from the _____ root word that signifies, "One who turns back."
 - His name was rendered to other forms in ancient Arabic and Akkadian, and it also occurs in other historical documents.
 - Amarna Letters as *Ayab* (a Prince of Pella)
 - Berlin Execration Texts as *Ayyabum* (a prince near Damascus around 1800 BC).
 - Job is not a Hebrew name.
 - Job was not a _____.
 - If Job was a Jew living in the time of the patriarchs, their names would have been mentioned.
 - If Job was living during the time of the law, there would have been more emphasis given to the Law.
 - Several of the interactions are a better fit for Arabian culture than Hebrew culture.

Author: _____

- Some suggest Moses or even Solomon.
- But the book doesn't display the knowledge of _____ or divine law that would have been present if it had been written by a later author.
- Job
 - As a very wealthy man, he could have possessed the required knowledge for recording the events.
 - Could Job have recorded the prologue in chapter 1?
 - He probably did not write until the story was over.
 - Since God was communicating with him already, there is no reason to believe God could not have revealed the reason for his suffering.

Date:

- The events of Job occurred a little before Abraham.
 - Job lived for nearly _____ years, a lifespan that was already decreasing rapidly by the time Abraham lived.
 - Job's wealth was measured primarily in animals instead of _____.
- If Job was the author, he wrote around the same time: maybe as early as 2000 BC.

Key People:

- God
- Satan
- Job
- Eliphaz the Temanite
- _____
- Zophar the Naamathite
- Elihu the Buzite

Background and Setting:

- The book of Job is set against a background of developing Karmic beliefs.
 - _____ is the “Law of Sowing and Reaping.”
 - If Job lived around 2000 BC, the teachings that eventually became known as Karma in the organized religions of Brahmanism, Hinduism, etc. must have already been in circulation.
 - Job’s life clearly demonstrates that there is more to suffering than Karma.
- Middle East
 - _____
 - Arabia

Overview:

- God and Satan discuss Job’s righteousness (1:1-2:13).
- Job’s three friends attempt to _____ him (3:1-31:40).
 - First round of speeches by Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar (3:1-14:22).
 - Second round of speeches by Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar (15:1-21:34)
 - Third round of speeches by Job, Eliphaz, and Bildad (22:2-31:40)
- Elihu praises God’s character and attributes Job with guilt for questioning God’s fairness (32:1-37:24).
- God speaks to Job and his friends from a _____ (38:1-42:6)
 - God’s matchless power is displayed in creation (38:1-40:5).
 - God is powerful and man is frail (40:6-41:34).
 - Job responds in humility (42:1-6).
- God restores Job (42:7-17).

Challenges to Job:

- Behemoth and Leviathan
 - Some believe these two creatures are synonymous with an _____ and a _____.
 - But the descriptions in the corresponding passages indicate much more impressive animals.
- Behemoth (40:15-24)
 - Grass eater

- Has a tail like a _____ tree
- Bones like bars of iron and brass
- He drinks up a river
- With his nose he pierces through snares
- He is chief in the ways of God.
- Leviathan (41:1-34)
 - The doors of his face cannot be opened.
 - His scales are airtight.
 - He _____ fire.
 - He stirs up the waters
 - He leaves an incandescent trail in the water.

Christ in Job:

- Job 19:25-27. "I know that my Redeemer liveth..."
 - Apparently, God gave Job some _____ revelation.
 - Job had confidence that his Redeemer would stand on the earth, a recognition of Christ's future rulership.
 - Job had confidence that he would see his Redeemer _____ even though his body was decaying and worm-eaten.

Key Theme: _____

- Can the righteous suffer?
 - Job was one of the most righteous men that ever lived.
 - Job 1:8
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - Ezekiel 14:12-20
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Why do the righteous suffer?
 - God does not always reveal the _____ immediately.
 - But He always uses suffering for His glory.

Application: When we are in the middle of a trial in your life, we must remember that God always has a purpose for the difficult times He allows in our lives.