

Job

Clues about Job's lifestyle suggests that he is probably a contemporary of the Patriarchs (please note the timeline at the bottom of this page). Ancient tradition identifies him as King Jobab, second king of Edom (Genesis 36:33).

Clues about the writing suggest that it was written sometime between Solomon's reign and the exile.

This book typifies a type of wisdom writing called a *disputation*, meaning verbal controversy.

Outline

- Job's happiness
- Testing by Satan
- Disputations
- Reflections on Wisdom
- Monologues
- Discourse with God
- God's verdict
- Job's restoration

Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon

Key Verses

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.
Job 1:1

Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?
Job 2:10

READING NOTES

If you find yourself struggling with *Job*, try one or more of the following:

- a. Forget trying to *distinguish* between the arguments of Job’s friends
- b. Try reading *Job* in bite-sized doses, perhaps
 - Before breakfast and...
 - After breakfast and...
 - Right when you get home at night and...
 - Right after dinner and...
 - Right before bed
- c. Alternatively, set aside a block of time on Sunday to read *Job* from start to finish

PEOPLE

Bildad the Shuhite an old friend of Job **Chaldeans** residents of Mesopotamia, southern Babylonia **Eliphaz the Temanite** an old friend of Job **Elihu** a young acquaintance of Job **Job** a blameless and upright man who feared God and shunned evil **Zophar the Naamathite** an old friend of Job

Genealogy of Christ



930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom	Samaria	Jerusalem	Judeans return	Greek	Roman
North: Ahab Elijah	South: Hezekiah Isaiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	falls to Babylon, exiled	rule Esther Ezra Nehemiah	rule