

THE BOOK OF JOB: JOB'S EARLY LIFE

Job 1:1 - 2:10

The book of Job is an example of the literature of the Age of the Patriarchs. Begin your study of this book now:

A. Introduction to the Book of Job:

1. Where did the man Job live? Job 1:1a

2. With what other country is this land associated in Lamentations 4:21? (Locate this country on the map, page 12)

3. What position did a man with a name similar to Job once hold? Genesis 36:31-35

(Ancient Jewish tradition says that this man *was* Job, and that the book was written by Moses. Since the land of Midian borders on the land of Edom, Moses could have learned of Job from Job's immediate descendants or from Job himself, when he was in the land of Midian (Exodus 2:15).

B. An Early Description of Job: Read Job 1:1-5

1. What kind of man was Job? Job 1:1

2. How many children did he have? Job 1:2

3. What possessions did he have? Job 1:3a

4. What position did he hold among men? Job 1:3b

5. What provision did Job continually make for his family? Job 1:5

C. The Battle Over Job: Read Job 1:6-12

1. When Satan appeared before God, what was God's boast concerning Job? Job 1:8

2. Why did Satan say that Job feared God? Job 1:9-10

3. What did Satan say Job would do if God should take away his possessions? Job 1:11

4. What power did God give to Satan? Job 1:12

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D. Job's First Testings: Read Job 1:13-22

1. In a single day, what did various messengers tell Job he had lost?

a. Job 1:14-15 _____

b. Job 1:16 _____

c. Job 1:17 _____

d. Job 1:18-19 _____

2. What was Job's reaction to these losses? Job 1:20-22

E. The Battle Over Job Continued: Read Job 2:1-6

1. When God repeated His boast against Job, what did Satan say? Job 2:4-5

2. What additional power did God give to Satan at this time? Job 2:6

F. Job's Second Testing: Read Job 2:7-10

1. What did Satan then do to Job? Job 2:7

2. What did Job's wife advise him to do? Job 2:9

3. What was Job's reply to this? Job 2:10

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Who *caused* the terrible sufferings which came into job's life? Who *permitted* these sufferings, and limited them?

2. When trials come into my life, how should I react? See Job 1:20-21, 2:10
