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Period of Bible history

It is not clear when Job was written and its events are not connected with the rest of the narration of the Old Testament. It is possible that Job was written before any other book.

Major Events

- Satan asks God for Job (1:6-12)
- Job's children die (1:13-22)
- Job's health deteriorates (2:7-10)
- God speaks to Job (Starting 38:1)
- Job vindicated and restored (42:10-17)

Important Individuals

- Job: The main character, Job is described as "blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil." Job is tested by Satan to see if he will remain faithful.
- Job's Wife: She only makes one appearance, in 2:9, and she tells Job, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die."
- Eliphaz: Presents the retributive principle of justice: if Job suffers, it is because God is punishing him for sin.
- Bildad: Similar to Eliphaz, but called Job a hypocrite for claiming to be righteous.
- Zophar: Makes the strongest accusations against Job's behavior.
- Elihu: The only one of the speakers that has something good to offer Job, but even Elihu is in the dark about the actual reason for Job's suffering.

Memorable Passages in Job

Job 1:21 Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Job 2:10 Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?

Job 6:26 Do you think you can reprove words, when the speech of a despairing man is wind?

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, I will hope in him

Job 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

Job 31:1 I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a woman?

Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding."

Covenant: The Old Testament Story

Outline of Job

- I. Description of Job (1:1-5)
- II. The first test from Satan (1:6-22)
- III. The second test from Satan (2:1-10)
- IV. Job's friends arrive (2:11-13)
- V. Dialogue with Job and his three friends (3:1-31:40)
 - A. First Cycle (4:1-14:22)
 - B. Second Cycle (15:1-21:34)
 - C. Third Cycle (22:1-31:40)
- VI. Elihu's response (32:1-37:24)
- VII. God speaks (38:1-42:6)
- VIII. Vindication and Restoration (42:7-17)