

JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS

- CYCLE 1**
CHAPTERS 3-14
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- 1 IS GOD JUST?
- 2 DOES GOD RUN THE UNIVERSE ON THE STRICT PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE?
- 3 HOW IS JOB'S SUFFERING TO BE EXPLAINED?

FOCUS DEBATE

JOB

AN INVITATION TO TRUST GOD'S WISDOM

UNIQUE BOOK IN THE BIBLE

- SET IN "UZ" FAR AWAY FROM ISRAEL
- ALL CHARACTERS ARE NON-ISRAELITES
- THERE IS NO CLEAR HISTORICAL SETTING

INTENTIONAL!

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• OBLIVIOUS FRIENDS
• FIGHTING FRIENDS
• FRENCH GOD

JOB: "ARE YOU JEERING AT ME BECAUSE I HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD? DO YOU THINK I AM WEAK? DO YOU THINK I AM A LIAR? DO YOU THINK I AM A SCOUNDREL? DO YOU THINK I AM A LIAR?"

WHY? BUT:
THE REAL QUESTION: IS GOD JUST? MAY HE RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE?

• CAREER GOD AND THE...
• BUT: "WHY? BUT: THE REAL QUESTION: IS GOD JUST? MAY HE RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE?"

PROLOGUE

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HUMAN ACTION: GOD'S JUSTICE
JOB 1: 6-12 → SUCCESS & REWARD
JOB 1: 13-19 → MISFORTUNE & PUNISHMENT

JOB IS RIGHT

ARGUMENT	IMPLICATION	CONCLUSION A
IN INNOCENT	MY SUFFERING IS NOT DIVINE JUSTICE	GOD DOESN'T RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE
		OR
		CONCLUSION B
		GOD IS UNJUST

JOB MUST HAVE SINNED (SEE JOB 22)

ARGUMENT	IMPLICATION	CONCLUSION
GOD IS JUST	GOD RUNS THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE	"JOB MUST HAVE SINNED"

CONCLUSION
SUFFERING MAY BE A WARNING TO AVOID FUTURE SIN BECAUSE IT BUILDS CHARACTER

BTW: DON'T ACCUSE GOD. GOD: MODEL!

JOB & THE FRIENDS

JOB'S PROTEST

EMOTIONAL COLLECTIVE

"WHY HAS GOD DENIED ME JUSTICE AND HIDDEN MY LIFE FROM ME?" 27:2

GOD ATTACKS ME, TEARS ME UP IN ANGER, AND GNAWES HIS TEETH AT ME." 16:9

"HE DESTROYS THE OBLIVIOUS AND THE WICKED, HE PRODS THE DISTASTEFUL OF THE INNOCENT." 9:22-23

"WHAT HATE! DO THE GODDESS HAVE WHEN GOD TAKES AGAINST THEIR LIFE?" 27:8

JOB'S LAST STATEMENT

• ASSERTS INNOCENCE
• DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

"I SIGN MY DEFENSE, LET THE ALMIGHTY ANSWER ME!" (31: 35)

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A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE

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BEHEMOTH

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GOD'S RESPONSE

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LEVIATHAN

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EPILOGUE