

## **Job**

### **Summary**

The book of Job brings understanding to the relationship between suffering and sovereignty. It gives understanding to why the good can suffer. This fallen world does not operate by justice. God is wise and we must trust Him.

### **Author and Date:**

The author is unknown but was most likely an Israelite because of the frequent use of God's covenant name, Yahweh. 2000 - 1800 BC

### **Audience/ Setting:**

Audience is the Israelites. During the patriarchal period, when wealth was determined by the amount of livestock and servants one owned. Took place in the land of Uz, near the dessert land between Damascus and the Euphrates River.

### **Purpose:**

Demonstrate God's sovereignty and the meaning of true faith. Explains why the righteous suffer. God can be trusted in ALL situations. This book deals with the harsh reality of how God can seem silent when we are suffering and doing our best to please Him. It encourages us to trust God even when we cannot see Him.

### **Key People:**

Job, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, Zophar the Naamathite, Elihu the Buzite, Job's wife

### **Key Places:**

Land of Uz

## **References**

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