

Job Introduction & Chapters 1-2

Jehovah v Satan - Unseen Spiritual Conflict One Cause of Human Suffering

- Intro**
- * Job ("hated") was a leader in Edom ("red") in about 1,800 BC while Israel made bricks in Egypt (Genesis 22: 21; 36: 28)
 - * Though Edom had no saving history, no covenant and no prophet, Job had a pure love for God and a practical righteousness (Ezekiel 24: 20; James 5: 11)
 - * Edomites saw God's blessing as riches, family, friends, health, long life and a peaceful death with all his faculties and honoured by everyone
 - * Suddenly Job lost nearly all this, never knew why, and cried out to God for that knowledge
 - * The real reason for his suffering was his innocent involvement in the great conflict between Christ and Satan behind the scenes of history
- Job 1**
- * Job's righteousness and prosperity (Ch. 1: 1-5)
 - * Jehovah and Satan, the prince of this world (John 12: 31) - Satan claimed that Job's godliness arose from his prosperity, and our Lord gave Satan the opportunity to prove it (Ch. 1: 6-12)
 - * So Satan took family and wealth from Job (Ch. 1: 13-19)
 - * However, this did not change Job's attitude of trust and worship to Jehovah (Ch. 1: 21-23)
- Job 2**
- * Satan revised his accusation in the presence of all the angels (Genesis 6: 2, 4; Job 38: 7; Deuteronomy 32: 8), adding that Job would turn from God if he lost his health (Ch. 2: 1-6)
 - * Jehovah permitted this, though Job's wife counted him unrighteous, urging him to acknowledge God and give up, but he would not do so (Ch. 2: 7-10)
 - * Three neighbours came to Job to sympathise with him, viz Eliphaz (=God is gold), another Edomite; Bildad (=contention) and Zophar (=rough), both from the south; and waited a week for him to speak (Ch. 2: 11-13)