

## Job 1 – Summary Thoughts

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job* pp xii-xxx, 1-18, 440-446 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 16-17, 119, 571, 729-731, 753, 759 for particular information and detailed comment. See also Dr Ruckman's commentary *Volume I of the Book of Psalms* pp 13-14 with respect to the word "**Selah**" 2 Kings 14:7, Psalm 3:2, 4, 8 etc. 75 times, Sela Petra, the rock city of Edom:

### Introduction

The Book of Job is the oldest book of the Bible and the first real book ever written, dating from about 1780 B.C., almost 600 years after Noah's flood, 2348 B.C., Job 14:11, 22:16, 28:4 and almost 300 years before the exodus from Egypt, 1491 B.C.

The author of Job is "**Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram**" Job 32:2. Elihu identifies himself as the book's author. "**They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion**" Job 32:15-17.

How does Elihu fit into the Book of Job? It is possible that, as an evidently mature young man, Elihu was betrothed to Job's eldest daughter Jemima, Job 42:14, noting Job 42:15 "**And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job...**" If so, then the author of the Book of Job wrote from a position of anguish similar to that of the subject of the Book. Elihu would have lost both his beloved fiancée and his upcoming brothers and sisters-in-laws, probably his closest friends, so that

like Job he lost ten of his nearest and dearest in one day, Job 1:19. If this is so, then, noting the reaction of Job's friends, Job 2:12, and that "**they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights**" Job 2:13, Elihu, with "**his own sore and his own grief**" 2 Chronicles 6:29 is like Ezekiel – who lost his wife, Ezekiel 24:16-18 – "**and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days**" Ezekiel 3:15. Moreover, Elihu is like "**the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...**" Hebrews 3:1, 12:2. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ is an author. He is the Author of "**the scripture of truth**" Daniel 10:21 "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ "**sat where they sat**" in that like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ endured sorrow as Isaiah says "**He is...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief**" Isaiah 53:3. As Paul says "**For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**" Hebrews 4:15. Therefore, as Isaiah says further "**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed**" Isaiah 53:4-5. That should always be kept in mind when reading the scriptures. The Author understands *all* that the reader goes through in "**this present evil world**" Galatians 1:4 *and has overcome it for us* as the Lord Jesus Christ said "**In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**" John 16:33.

The Book of Job of course focuses on the question of suffering, especially the *righteous* suffering in that "**Job...was perfect and upright**" Job 1:1. Job asks that question by asking "**Why?**" 13 times; Job 3:11, 12, 23, 7:20, 21, 9:29, 19:22, 28, 21:4, 24:1, 27:12. The answer is the way *up* to **enduring and overcoming suffering with God** is the way *down*, **repenting of self as Job did, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of"** 2 Corinthians 7:10:

**"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes"** Job 42:5-6. See Philippians 3:8-9 below.

**"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I...Selah"** Psalm 61:2, 4



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**"a rose-red city half as old as time"**  
– John William Burgon

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## **Job – “great tribulation,” 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Prophecy**

Dr Ruckman states that besides addressing the righteous suffering, the Book of Job is one of the most detailed Books of scripture on the suffering of *the nation of Israel* during the “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14 *after the rapture of the Church*, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. The Lord Jesus Christ is “**the King of the Jews**” Matthew 27:11, 37, Mark 15:2, 9, 12, 26, Luke 23:3, 37, 38, John 18:33, 39, 19:19, 21 *i.e. the nation of Israel as distinct from the Church* “**And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end**” Luke 1:33 but “**there shall be great distress...and wrath upon this people**” Luke 21:23. \*The Lord Jesus Christ is always “**the King of the Jews**” with a big K except during mockery, Luke 23:37. The Book of Job depicts and foretells the “**great distress...and wrath upon this people**”:

- Job means *one persecuted* as Israel will be during “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21.
- Job is in “**Edom...the land of Uz**” Lamentations 4:21, where Sela Petra is, the rock city.
- Israel will flee from persecution to Sela Petra “**a place of refuge**” Isaiah 4:6. See graphic.
- Satan, “**leviathan**” Job 41, persecutes Job, Job 1:9-19, 2:7-8 and Israel, Revelation 12:13-17.
- Job is on the ground 7 days and 7 nights, depicting Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week, Daniel 9:27.
- The Book of Job has 42 chapters, for the 42 months of the Antichrist’s rule, Revelation 13:5.
- “**The LORD turned the captivity of Job**” Job 42:10 “**And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first**” Jeremiah 33:7. See attached study **Satan The Devil** for further insight into the adversary, 1 Peter 5:8.

In addition to revealing Job *the man*, see subtitles below, Job’s sufferings depict:

- The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross; Job 3:24, Psalm 22:14, John 19:28.
- The torment of the lost man in hell; Job 30:20, 26-31, Matthew 13:41-43, Luke 16:23-25.
- The peril of trusting in self righteousness *not God’s*; Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, Romans 10:3.

### **Job the Perfect Man, Job 1:1, 8**

“**There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil**” Job 1:1 with Job 1:8. Job was “**perfect**” in *doing* right, *living* right, *worshipping* right and *hating* evil as God and the Bible testify. To be “**perfect**” back then was to walk *with* God, *before* God and *in obedience* to God, Genesis 6:9, 17:1 as Job did, Job 1:1, 8. Yet *note*, though “**perfect**,” Job only offered sacrifice for others *not himself*. That was *self* *i.e.* “**perfect**” does *not* mean *sinless*! Never interpret a Bible term by popular usage. Always compare scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13. “**Blameless**” NKJV, NIVs is *not* correct because to be “**blameless**” then was to walk rightly before *men*, Genesis 44:10.

### **Job the Particular Man, Job 1:8**

Psalm 37:37 says “**Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.**” Job was a particular *i.e.* marked man. God *marked* him, for a purpose and Job’s end was peace, though his way was wearisome Job 5:23, 24, 7:3. So it is for believers, John 16:33.

### **Job the Persecuted Man, Job 1:14-19, 2:7-8**

Though via Satan\* God persecuted Job: “**thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause**” Job 2:3. \*Satan obeyed God *instantly* so *note* Matthew 21:6. Note Satan “**had the power of death**” Hebrews 2:14, Jesus has “**the keys of hell and of death**” Revelation 1:18 *now*.

### **Job the Patient Man, Job 1:22**

“**In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly**”. Believers, note 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

### **Job the Purified Man, Job 42:5-6**

Job was *self-righteous*, Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, *until* he saw God. “**...but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes**” Job 42:5-6, like Isaiah, Isaiah 6:5, like Peter, Luke 5:8. In each case, repentance brought restoration, “**thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged**” Isaiah 6:7 with Job 42:12, John 21:15-17, 19, 22. Paul, who also saw “**Jesus Christ our Lord**” 1 Corinthians 9:1 with Acts 9:3-6, states for *now* what Job foresaw *then*.

“**I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith**” Philippians 3:8-9.

## SATAN THE DEVIL

***“...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:8***



***“Someone in the trench said, “THE DEVIL’S COMING!””***

– German soldier, September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916, the battle of the Somme

### **Introduction – “The Devil’s Coming!”**

Tanks were first used in action at the battle of the Somme<sup>1</sup> on September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916, by the British against the Germans. A German soldier spoke of his shock at the sight of the metal monsters.

*“One stared and stared as if one had lost the power of one’s limbs. The monsters approached, slowly, hobbling, rolling and swaying but they approached. Nothing impeded them. A supernatural force seemed to impel them on. Someone in the trench said, “The Devil’s coming!” and the word was passed along the line like wildfire.”*

Only Satan the Devil was terrible enough for these men to voice their fear. They were not wrong. God says of the Devil in Job 41:9 ***“shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?”*** Yes, one would be. So the Christian should know about the Devil as Paul warns in 2 Corinthians 2:11 ***“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*** The answers to some key questions should help believers not to be ignorant of Satan and his devices.

### **The Devil – Who is He?**

Satan the Devil is the Christian’s main enemy as 1 Peter 5:8 calls him ***“your adversary the devil:”*** Satan is the Devil as Revelation 12:9 says ***“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan.”*** Those terms reveal the Devil as he is now<sup>2</sup>. He is ***“the great dragon,” “a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”*** Revelation 12:3. He is ***“that old serpent”*** of Genesis 3:1 and ***“leviathan”*** of Job 41:1-34 ***“a king over all the children of pride”*** and so he has ***“seven crowns upon his heads.”*** That’s why ‘gay pride’ [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gay\\_pride](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gay_pride) is among ***“the works of the devil”*** 1 John 3:8. Isaiah 27:1 says he is ***“leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea,” “the sea”*** being ***“the waters...above the firmament”*** Genesis 1:7. ***“The sea”*** is Satan’s main domain now, though he isn’t confined there. Satan was ***“Lucifer, son of the morning”*** Isaiah 14:12 and ***“the anointed cherub...perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God”*** God said in Ezekiel 28:14-16 and He did.

The Devil is a *created* being but *not* a fallen angel, he's a cast-out cherub, so only four cherubs are around the throne in Ezekiel 1:10, Revelation 4:6-7. The fifth cherub representing the aquatic and reptile creatures is missing. That's Lucifer. Ezekiel 1:10, 10:14 show that the essential face of a cherub is that of an ox, so the Devil is shown with split hooves, horns and a serpentine tail.

2 Corinthians 11:14 warns however that **"Satan...is transformed into an angel of light"**, having been Lucifer, *Lux-fero* or light bearer. Eve was not **"cast down...at the sight of him"** in Genesis 3:2 because she didn't see him as he really is. Only **"the holy scriptures"** 2 Timothy 3:15 do.

### **The Devil – What Does He Do?**

**"The devil...deceiveth the whole world"** Revelation 12:9. He does so by *questioning* what God said, subtly *changing* what God said and luring the deceived **"taken captive by him at his will"** 2 Timothy 2:26 to *doubt* and then *depart* from what God said so that **"they that are unlearned and unstable wrest...the...scriptures, unto their own destruction"** 2 Peter 3:16.

Genesis 3:1 states **"the serpent...said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"** The question is pitched with a positive **"Yea"** contrary to God's ten-fold negative **"Thou shalt not"** Exodus 20:4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 in the Ten Commandments against **"wicked ways"** and **"corrupt doings"** Ezekiel 20:44 and as though doubting God is itself **"to be desired to make one wise"** Genesis 3:6 instead of damnable because doubt **"is not of faith"** Romans 14:23. The Devil then says **"Ye"** plural instead of **"thou"** singular which is what God *actually* said because **"the man and his wife...shall be one flesh"** Genesis 2:24-25. Genesis 3:2-3 show that **"the woman being deceived was in the transgression"** 1 Timothy 2:14. She used the plural **"We"** and **"Ye"** showing the Devil had driven a wedge between her and her husband that ends in a separation between man and God Who **"drove out the man...from the garden of Eden"** Genesis 3:23-24. The modern feminist<sup>3</sup> movement, **"sin in the flesh"** Romans 8:3 and the **"many, which corrupt the word of God"** 2 Corinthians 2:17 all start in Genesis 3:1-3 and all are satanic. The purpose of the Devil's deceit is death. He achieved it in Eden.

That is why Paul states **"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"** Romans 5:12.

### **The Devil – What is His Fate?**

**"...the devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever"** Revelation 20:10. **"Amen; Alleluia"** Revelation 19:4.

### **The Devil – What Can Defeat Him?**

James 4:7 states **"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** Submission to God means submission to all that God said. *Refusal* to submit to God led to defeat in Eden but *willingness* to submit to God gained the Lord *victory over the Devil in the wilderness*. **"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God"** Luke 4:4. Luke 4:13 warns **"And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season"** but the Lord drove him off that time and He did each time. So can the Christian. The reason is that the Devil must do what God tells him.

Note Job 1:12, 2:7 **"So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD"** and the contexts where Satan is permitted to afflict Job. He does exactly what God tells him and no more. Noting that the Devil is **"a king over all the children of pride"** Job 41:34, note Psalm 105:14-15 **"He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."** Every Christian is God's anointed. **"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God"** 2 Corinthians 1:21. *The Devil must still obey the command "Touch not mine anointed."* Use it, and defeat the Devil.

### **References**

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