



Job Reading Schedule



Bible Reading (Other chapters may be read for extra credit/benefit)		Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)	
Job		Ch. 20	
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Study Guide for Job

Chapter 1

- How does this book introduce Job? What does it say about his character and actions? What does it say about his prosperity? What does it say about his religious observance? How does this prepare for the rest of the story?
- What did the Lord say to satan? How did He describe Job? Why do you think God brought up Job in that conversation?
- What did satan say to accuse Job? What did he challenge God to do? How did God respond? What limits did God place on satan?
- What happened to Job and his family? How did Job respond? What does this demonstrate about Job's character? Why does this matter?

Chapter 2

- How is this chapter similar to the prior chapter? How is it different? How does it further the action and point of the story?
- How did God describe Job? How does this compare to the way He described him in the previous episode?
- How did satan respond? What did he ask God to do? How did God respond? What limits did God place on satan?
- What happened to Job? How did Job's wife respond? How did Job respond?
- What evaluation did the author give of Job and his actions? What difference does this make?
- How does this book introduce Job's three friends? What did they do when they saw Job? Why? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 3

- What did Job do and say in this chapter? Why?
- What did Job desire for the day of his birth? What did he mean when he said this? What is the significance of this?

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- What desire was Job expressing in this chapter? What mindset does this demonstrate that Job had at that time? Do you agree with this idea? Why or why not?

Chapter 6

- How does Job describe his misery in this chapter? Where does he claim his misery came from? Why is this significant?
- What did Job wish God would do? Why? What is the significance of this?
- What does this demonstrate about Job's innocence? What does it demonstrate about Job's attitude at that time?
- What does Job say about his friends? To what does he compare them? What does this say about how helpful his friends had been to him in his suffering? What can we learn from this?
- What challenge did Job give to his friends? Why did he say this? What accusation did he make against them? What request did he ask from them? Why?

Chapter 19

- What does Job say concerning his friends? Why? What conclusion does he draw?
- What does Job say concerning God? Why? What is the point he was making?
- What does Job want from his friends? Why?
- What does Job want in regard to his words? Why?
- What hope does Job express in this chapter? Why?
- What warning does Job give to his friends at the end of the chapter? What difference does this make? What should we learn from this?

Chapter 28

- What does this chapter say about mining and what humans have accomplished by it? What point is this making? Why is this significant?
- What question(s) does this chapter ask? How is this a contrast to the point made about mining?
- What does this chapter say about wisdom and understanding? What does this chapter say about the availability and worth of wisdom and understanding? What point is it making? What should we learn from this?
- What does this chapter say about God and His relationship to wisdom and understanding? How is this contrasted with what was said earlier in this chapter? Why is this significant?
- How is wisdom and understanding defined at the end of this chapter? How does this address what has been said earlier in this book? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?

Chapter 38

- How did God challenge Job? What did He ask him? What is the general tone of these questions? What is the point of these questions?
- What do these questions demonstrate about God's relationship to creation? What does this tell us about God and His control of the created order? What conclusions should we make from this?

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- What does this chapter say about wisdom and God's relation to it? What is the significance of this to the questions raised earlier in this book? How should we respond?

Chapter 39

- How did God challenge Job? What did He ask him? What is the general tone of these questions? What is the point of these questions?
- What do these questions demonstrate about God's relationship to creation? What does this tell us about God and His control of the created order? What conclusions should we make from this?
- What varieties of animals are mentioned in this chapter? What does each illustrate about the greatness of God's creation? What does this demonstrate about the greatness of God? What does this demonstrate about the ability and greatness of Job?

Chapter 40

- How did God challenge Job? What did He invite him to do?
- How did Job respond? Was this a good and appropriate response? Why or why not?
- How did God challenge Job? What did He invite him to do? What is the general tone of these questions? What is the point of these questions?
- What do these questions demonstrate about God's relationship to justice? What does this tell us about God and His control of the moral order? What conclusions should we make from this?
- What did God say about Behemoth? How does this demonstrate its greatness? What does this tell us about God's greatness? How does Job compare?

Chapter 41

- What did God say about Leviathan? How does this demonstrate its greatness? What does this tell us about God's greatness? How does Job compare?
- What is the point God was making by speaking of these two creatures? What difference does this make?

Chapter 42

- How did Job reply to God? Was this a good and appropriate reply? Why or why not?
- What had Job learned about God from his encounter with God? What did he learn about himself? What did he learn about his relationship to God?
- What did God say to the three friends? What reason did He give? What should we conclude from this about all the arguments earlier in this book? What difference does this make?
- What happened to Job at the end of this book? What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about Job and his character throughout this book? Why is this important?

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Study Guide for Textbook chapter 20

Contents of the Book of Job

Overview

- What point does the textbook make about the author assuming an omniscient point of view? How does that help us understand the book and evaluate its arguments?
- How does the textbook define the term “theodicy”? How does it relate to the arguments in this book, according to the textbook? How does it relate to the idea of monotheism? What is the significance of this?
- How does the prologue describe Job? How did satan challenge Job’s credibility? What happened to Job as a result?
- How did Job start the arguments between him and his friends? What idea did he express?
- How are these speeches organized, according to the textbook? How does this help us understand the book of Job?
- Describe the ‘characteristic approach’ of each of the friends. In what way(s) do their approaches all agree about Job and the reason for his suffering?
- What ideas were expressed in the first cycle? What problems did the friends have with Job’s statements? How did they disagree and challenge him? How did he respond? What can we learn from this?
- What ideas were expressed in the second cycle? What did each of the friends accuse Job of doing or being in these speeches? How did Job respond to them?
- What ideas were expressed in the third cycle? What can we learn from this?
- According to the textbook, what did Job say in his summarizing speeches? How does the speech on wisdom contribute to the message of this book? What is the significance of this?
- What does Elihu contribute to the discussion? Why was he angry? What ideas did he express?
- Why did God rebuke Job? What did he challenge Job to answer? What point was God making? What difference does this make?
- What is the point of the two sections about Behemoth and Leviathan? How should we respond?
- How did Job respond to God’s speeches? Was this a good and appropriate response? Why or why not?
- Describe the two events of the epilogue. What does each contribute to the message of this book? How does each bring the book to a fitting conclusion? What can we learn from this?

Theological Themes

- What does the textbook say about the relationship of retribution theology to the book of Job?
- According to the textbook, what did Job’s friends fail to understand? How did this affect their arguments?
- What is the point that the textbook makes about the triangle? Do you agree? Why or why not? How is this related to things you have learned earlier in this course?

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- According to the textbook, in what way is the argument of the book of Job incomplete? What brings completion and conclusion to these ideas? Why is this important?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter