

JOB 21 vs 1

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Little is known about Job, but what we do know is that Job was a real person -- mentioned in Ezekiel 14; and James 5. To help us understand what speculative wisdom was being exchanged among these 4 friends, I went to the end of the book, to hear its conclusion, and we read: the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My anger is ignited against you, and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. These 4 friends were clueless to what brought them together; so their guesses and rumors run freely through the pages dressed in friendship. .



endless speculations
half-true assumptions
guesses, feelings
unfounded reports
based on nothing real

Job is overwhelmed and knows least of all what happened

Job

Job's Discourse on the Wicked,

¹ Then Job answered and said:

² Listen carefully to my speech, And let this be your consolation.

³ Bear with me that I may speak, and after I have spoken, keep mocking.

⁴ As for me, is my complaint against man? And if it were, why should I not be impatient?

⁵ Look at me and be astonished; Put your hand over your mouth.

⁶ Even when I remember I am terrified, And trembling takes hold of my flesh.

⁷ Why do the wicked live and become old, Yes, become mighty in power?

⁸ Their descendants are established with them in their sight, And their offspring before their eyes.

⁹ Their houses are safe from fear, nor is the rod of God upon them.

¹⁰ Their bull breeds without failure; their cow calves without miscarriage.

¹¹ They send forth their little ones like a flock, And their children dance.

¹² They sing to the tambourine and harp, And rejoice to the sound of the flute.

¹³ They spend their days in wealth, And in a moment go down to the grave.

14 Yet they say to God, Depart from us, For we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.

15 Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?

16 Indeed their prosperity is not in their hand; the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? How often does their destruction come upon them, The sorrows God distributes in His anger?

18 They are like straw before the wind, And like chaff that a storm carries away.

19 They say, God lays up one's crime for his children; Let Him repay him, that he may know it.

20 Let his eyes see his destruction, And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what does he care about his household after him, When the number of his months is cut in half?

22 Can anyone teach God knowledge, Since He judges those on high?

23 One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and secure;

24 His pails are full of milk, And the marrow of his bones is moist.

25 Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul, Never having eaten with pleasure.

26 They lie down alike in the dust, And worms cover them.

27 Look, I know your thoughts, And the schemes with which you would wrong me.

28 For you say, Where is the house of the prince?

And where is the tent, The dwelling place of the wicked?

29 Have you not asked those who travel the road? And do you not know their signs?

30 For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; They will be brought out on the day of wrath.

31 Who condemns his way to his face? And who repays him for what he has done?

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³² Yet he will be brought to the grave, And a vigil kept over the tomb.

³³ The clods of the valley will be sweet to him; Everyone will follow him, as countless have gone before him.

³⁴ How then can you comfort me with empty words, Since falsehood remains in your answers?

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