

JOB 2 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. Some scholars suggest this is just an old drama; yet it mentions things that those in the 20th century discovered. Whoever Job was, he knew things of earth, he knew celestial things; and he knew his environment included massive dinosaurs. The detailed conversations throughout this book, suggest real speeches inscribed shortly after the event, rather than what a poet would write. This book is about a handful of people who lived 3,500 - 4,000 years ago.



The father of lies persists,

¹ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

² And the LORD said to Satan, Where have you been? And Satan answered the LORD answered, and said, wandering about the earth, and walking up and down it / as if the Lord didn't know where this lying fool was; here we discover he lives one boring life.

³ The LORD said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, there is no one like him on earth, a perfect, upright man, who fears God, and avoids evil? He still maintains his integrity, though you incited Me against him, to ruin him for no cause.

⁴ Skin for skin! Satan answered the LORD and said, yes, all that a man has he will give in exchange for his life.

⁵ So extend Your hand, and strike his flesh and bones, and he will curse You to Your face.

⁶ And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; but spare his life.

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⁷ So Satan went from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.

⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself while he sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, Do you still retain your integrity? curse God, and die /
Job's wife concluded that he was suffering because God was unfair.

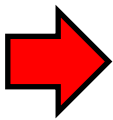
¹⁰ But he told her, You speak as a foolish women speaks. Should we receive only good from God, and not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin in what he said.

Job's three friends,

¹¹ Now when the three friends of Job heard of all the calamity that came on him, each of them came from his home. Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: they met together to go and grieve and to comfort him / whomever these men were, best friends since childhood, or fellow workers in commerce and trade, they are friends with Job, who already is called: **the greatest of all the men of the east.**

¹² **And when they looked from a distance, they did not recognize him. They wept loudly; and each man tore his robe, and threw dust into the air and on his head.**

¹³ **Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him: for they saw his grief was very great.**



And if there is any confusion in the text, remember, in the last chapter, God sets these speculating men straight: when the Lord spoke directly to Job, and 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.** So as the three friends took their seat on the ground seven days and nights, and no one said a word, it seems like that was the only thing they did right.

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