

## An Introduction to Job

### Outlines:

#### Schofield's outline:

- Prologue 1:1-2:8
- Job and his wife 2:9-10
- Job and his three friends 2:11-31:40
- Job and Elihu 32:1-37:24
- Jehovah and Job 38:1-41:34
- Jobs final answer 42:1-6
- Epilogue 42:7-17

#### MacArthur's outline (abbreviated):

- The dilemma 1:1-2:13
  - Introduction of Job 1:1-5
  - Divine debates with Satan 1:6-2:10
  - Arrival of friends 2:11-13
- The debates 3:1-37:24
  - The first cycle 3:1-14:22
  - The second cycle 15:1-21:34
  - The third cycle 22:1-26:14
  - The final defense of Job 27:1-31:40
  - The speeches of Elihu 32:1-37:24
- The deliverance 38:1-42:17
  - God interrogates Job 38:1-41:34
  - Job confesses, worships, and is vindicated 42:1-17

#### House and Mitchell outline:

- The testing of Job 1-2
- Job's dialogues with Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar 3-31
- Elihu's monologue 32-37
- Yahweh confronts Job 38:1-42:6
- Healing and restoration 42:7-17

### Preliminary thoughts:

Job is poetry:

Literal interpretation requires faithfulness to the genre

Doctrine is communicated in verse, not in prose.

\* Note \* Context becomes especially important when interpreting poetry.

Job is ancient:

Secular comparisons:

“The Epic of Gilgamesh” - Sumerian poem est. 2000 b.c.

“The Tale of the Shipwrecked Sailor” - Egyptian fable est. 2000 b.c.

Biblical chronology:

¿A contemporary of Abram?

¿A contemporary of Moses?

Commonly agreed to be the oldest book in the Bible.

Pastor’s projected study:

Job is caught up in a celestial challenge

Eliphaz’s perspective.

Bildad’s perspective.

Zophar’s perspective.

Job’s perspective.

Elihu’s perspective.

God’s perspective.

Job is allowed terrestrial relief.

## Job 1:1-5

The man, Job  
His homeland

His character

The family of Job  
Seven sons

Three daughters

The wealth of Job  
The accounting

The summary