

## THE MESSAGE OF JOB

Introduction – The main human characters in this drama are non-Jewish individuals of the patriarchal age.

### A. Prologue

Job 1:1-3

Job 1:6-8

Job 1:9-12

### B. The calamities that befall Job

1. He lost his wealth by a lightning storm and Chaldean raiders. All but one worker survived in each case and all his children were killed in a tornado.

Job 1:20-22

2. Satan's second challenge

Job 2:4-10

3. The patriarchal friends of Job came to comfort him and were so shocked they sat in silence.

### C. The dialogue between Job and his friends

Job 3:1

1. The position of Job's friends is the karma principle. They conclude that Job must have committed some serious secret sin to deserve this punishment from God. They believe they are defending God's character.
2. Job struggles to reconcile the God of his past with the God of his present experience.

Job 32:1-3

### D. God shows up to confront them.

Job 38:1-4

Job 40:1-5

Job 40:6-8

God alludes to spiritual forces that He, not Job, can understand and control.

Job 42:4-6

Conclusion – God rebukes Job’s friends for misrepresenting him and asks Job to offer sacrifices for their sin.

Job 42:10, 12-13, 16-17

James 5:11