

# JOB

Book of Sovereignty, not Suffering  
(Sovereign means "in charge").



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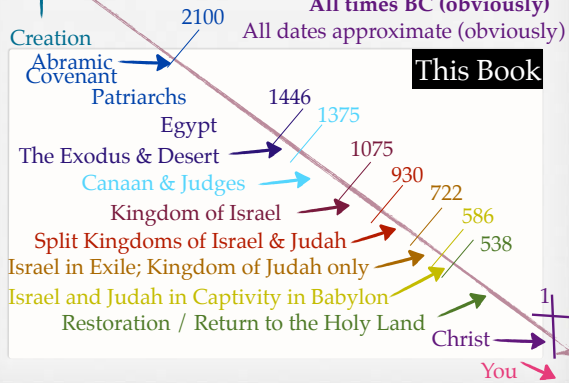
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## TIMEFRAME

All times BC (obviously)  
All dates approximate (obviously)



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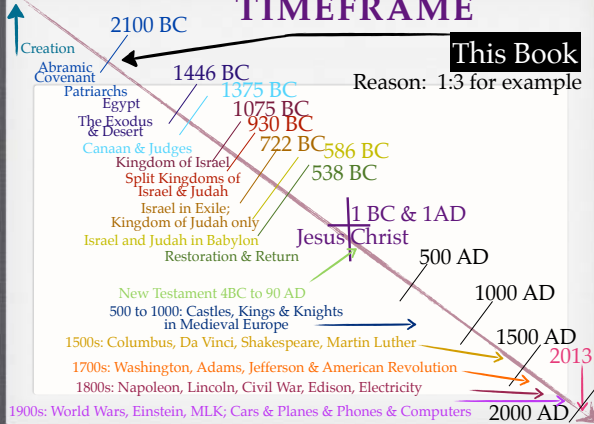
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## TIMEFRAME

Reason: 1:3 for example



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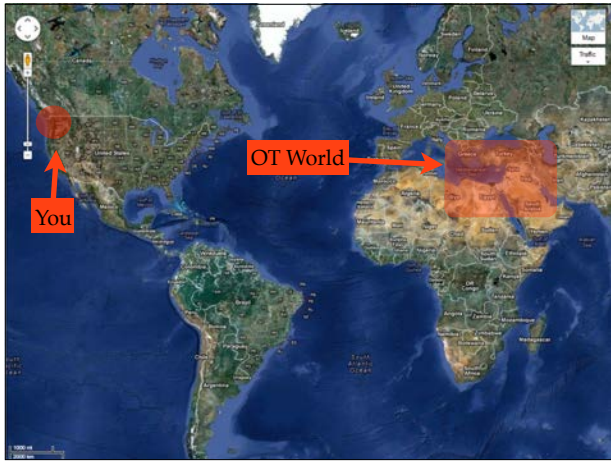
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### TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom ✓
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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## AUTHOR

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- Job?
- unknown

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## READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- everyone?

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## STORYLINE

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- Job is rich, and has a great family.
- Satan and God make a bet.
- Satan destroys everything Job has.
- Job's friends tell him he must have done something wrong.
- Job tells them God picks on even righteous people.
- Elihu, the prophet, tells Job to praise God and stop complaining about his life.
- God gets angry with Job and his friends.
- God restores Job, re-rich, new family.

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## Major OT Themes found in this Book: 10

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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## THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Law: People suffer unduly in a sinful, broken world; no one can justify himself or herself before God; Satan can tempt people and inflict suffering
- Gospel: God accomplishes His righteous purposes amid and through suffering; the Lord is our Redeemer; the resurrection of the body
- LSB 779 verbatim

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## SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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## KEY VERSE

- 19:25 through 27
- Copy it out of your Bible.
- "I know that my Redeemer lives..."

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## REQUIRED READING

- Chapters 1, 2, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

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## WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Why don't things ever turn out well for me?
- Why don't I ever get what I deserve?

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## LUTHER SAYS:

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- The book of Job "is written for our comfort".
- It teaches that all people sin and that God's justice is not like human justice: The book of Job deals with the question, whether misfortune comes from God even to the righteous.
- Job says God torments even the righteous without cause.
- His friends say God does not punish a righteous man. (LSB 779-780)

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## MR. MARTIN SAYS:

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- The first two chapters and last five chapters are written in prose. The rest are poetry. What's the difference?
- Notice again, God's use of a prophet. This time, it's Elihu.
- Awesome chastisement of Job by the Lord in Chapters 38-40. "Where were you when I..."

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## LIFE LESSONS FROM JOB

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- Luther says, "The book of Job deals with the question, whether misfortune comes from God even to the righteous. Job stands firm and contends that God torments even the righteous without cause other than that this be to God's praise, as Christ also testifies in John 9[:3] of the man who was born blind."
- What do you deserve in life? How can the story of Job be a daily reminder to you?

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