



Old Testament Outline: Job by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Job = Treated Cruelly

[God Is Patient] Blueprint for Redemption

- I. **Job's Tests 1:1-2:13** **James 5:11**
- A. Job the:
1. Best of Men **1:1,8-10** **Ezekiel 14:14,16,18,20**
 2. Blest by God **1:2-5**
 3. Blitzed from Satan **1:6-2:10**
 - a. Job's *character* maligned **1:6-8**
 - b. Job's *control* muddled **1:9-22**
 - c. Job's *constitution* miserable **2:1-8**
 - d. Job's *companion* misconstrued **2:9-10**
- B. Job the Patient **1:12; 2:2-3, 6-7** **1 Corinthians 10:13**
1. Satan, not God, does the wrong **2:3** **James 1:13-15**
 2. Survival does not include abandoning God **2:10**
 3. Solace may not come from friends **2:11-13; 16:2**
- B. Job the "Brilliant" **1:21-22; 2:10; 13:15** **Luke 22: 31-34**
- II. **Job's Trials 3:1-43:6**
- A. **The Trial of Pain** (The Agony of Distress) **3:1-26**
1. Why were we born? **3:1-10**
 2. Why have we lived? **3:11-19**
 3. Why does life continue for us? **3:20-26**
- B. **The Trial From The Ignorant** (Friends Don't Let Friends Suffer In Silence) **4:1-31:40** Cf **6:14; 12:4; 13:4-5, 12; 19:19**

ROUND #1 (chapter numbers given)

1. **Eliphaz 4-5**-If you are good, then why are you being treated like a sinner? (You must not be as good as you think or have taught others to be)
 - 1a. **Job 6-7**-If so, then why does God not either finish me off or forgive me of my sins? And what good are friends who undermine me now?
2. **Bildad 8**-If you are upright, how are your blessings cut off like

the disobedient and hypocrite, and not multiplied? (Unless you are actually disobedient or hypocritical, why would God stop blessing you?)

- 2a. **Job 9-10**-No man knows everything about God. All we can do is ask Him "Why does this have to be this way?"
- 3. **Zophar 11**-You judge yourself as pure, but God would say it otherwise.
 - 3a. **Job 12-14**-Life should teach us that God is in charge, and no matter what happens we should trust Him

ROUND #2

- 4. **Eliphaz 15**-You don't know God more than we do, and we see that God punishes bad people in life.
 - 4a. **Job 16-17**-If I were in your shoes I could keep heaping on you the fact that God had cursed your existence. To admit that fact does not make the hurting go away.
- 5. **Bildad 18**-Job, to admit that the suffering is getting to you is an admission that you are suffering like the wicked.
 - 5a. **Job 19**-If that is so, and I suffer because of my errors, then God is cruel to keep me alive in such misery.
- 6. **Zophar 20**-Only wicked people have bitterness out of blessing.
 - 6a. **Job 21**-Then explain how so many wicked live long and blessed lives?

ROUND #3

- 7. **Eliphaz 22**-How can you claim to be so close to God when such evils abound in your life?
 - 7a. **Job 23-24**-Though I cannot see God Himself, I can keep myself faithful to Him, and be awed by His works. God knows the works of all evildoers and punishes them.
- 8. **Bildad 25**-How can any person be important to God?
 - 8a. **Job 26:1-31:40**-Because I am dealing with God who rules earth and life, I will never give up my integrity and righteousness. What hope of help from the Almighty does a hypocrite have? Some of God's wisdom is revealed throughout life all around us, so that even within a wicked life, there are "gems" of blessing from the earth to be learned. To learn the fear of the Lord and to depart from evil is wisdom and understanding. I wish I could be returned to my former dignity of service among men, but now younger ones abhor me because of my age, and death is near. If any of these 14 sins and injustices be true of me I have nothing else to say in my own defense.

C. **The Trial From The Righteous (Elihu's Enlightenment) 32-37**

- 1. Silence of the lambs **32:1-22**
- 2. When words *are* enough **33:1-33**

3. What are friends for? **34:1-37**
 4. If one has God, he has *everything!* **35:1-37:24**
- D. **The Trial From Intelligence** (God's Greatness and man's ignorance) **38:1-43:6**
1. **Jehovah 38-40:2**-What man helps God control: land? seas? days? depths? light? soil enrichment? surface water? precipitation? stars? rain? human minds? weak and strong animals? animal procreation? sturdy and reckless animals? odd animals? war horses? fastest and highest birds?
 - 1a. **Job 40:3-5**-I am too awed by God to speak
 2. **Jehovah 40:6-41:1**-Who can humble the: proud? behemoth? Leviathan? 2a. **Job 42:1-6**-I have spoken about God out of ignorance, and therefore must repent

III. Job's Triumph **42:7-17**

- A. Correction To Those Who Falsely Argued *Against* God **42:7-9**
 1. Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar must offer burnt offering of 7 bulls and 7 rams, with Job acting as priest and praying for them!
 2. "God had accepted Job" **42:9-10**
- B. Commendation To Job Who Correctly Argued *For* God **42:10-17**
 1. Blessed Times 2
 - a. By his brother, sisters, acquaintances **42:11**
 - b. **1:3** doubled **42:12**
 2. Blessed again with: another 7 sons and 3 daughters **1:2; 42:13**
Daughters named: *Jemimah* ("Beautiful"), *Keziah* ("Sweet"), *Keren-Happuch* ("Colorful") **42:14**
 3. Outlived himself another 140 years into the 4th generation **42:16-17**

Jabs In Job:

Questions Which Cover All "Philosophical" Issues Of Life:

1. *Satan*: "Does Job fear God for nothing?" **1: 9**
2. *Job*: "cursed the day of his *birth*" **3:1** "Why did I not die at birth? *Why* did I *not* perish when I came from the womb? Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?" **3:11-12**
"Why then have You [**God, jtpII**] brought me out of the womb?" **10:18**
3. *Eliphaz*: "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright *ever* cut off?" **4:7**
4. *Eliphaz*: "Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?" **4:17**
5. *Job*: "Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself?" **7:20**
6. *Bildad*: "Does God subvert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice?" **8:3**
7. *Job*: "But how can a man be righteous before God?" **9:2**
8. *Job*: "Who can say to Him [**God, jtpII**], 'What are You doing?'" **9:12**

9. *Elihu*: "Behold, God is exalted by His [**God, jtpII**] power; Who teaches like Him? Who has assigned Him [**God, jtpII**] His way, Or who has said, 'You have done wrong?' **36:22-23**
10. *Eliphaz*: "What do you know that we do not know? *What* do you understand that *is* not in us?" **15:9**
11. *Eliphaz*: "What is man, that he could be pure?" **15:14**
12. *Bildad*: "How then can man be righteous before God? Or how can he be pure *who is* born of a woman?" **25:4**
13. *Zophar*: "Do you *not* know this of old, Since man was placed on earth, That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is *but* for a moment?" **20:4-5**
14. *Job*: "Can *anyone* teach God knowledge, Since He judges those *who are* on high?" **21:22**
15. *Eliphaz*: *Is* not your wickedness great, And your iniquity without end?" **22:5**
16. *Job*: "But where can wisdom be found? And where *is* the place of understanding?" **28:12**
17. *Elihu*: "Why do you contend with Him [**God, jtpII**]?" **33:13**
18. *Elihu*: "Who gave Him [**God, jtpII**] charge over the earth? Or who appointed *Him over* the whole world?" **34:13**
19. *Elihu*: "When He [**God, jtpII**] gives quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hides *His* face, who then can see Him [**God, jtpII**], Whether *it is* against a nation or a man alone?--That the hypocrite should not reign, Lest the people be ensnared." **34:29-30**
20. *Elihu*: "If you are righteous, what do you give Him [**God, jtpII**]? Or what does He [**God, jtpII**] receive from your hand?" **35:7**
21. *Job*: "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You [**God, jtpII**]?" **40:4**
22. **God asks:**
 - ☆ "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" **38:4**
 - ☆ "Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?" (or, Where does human intelligence originate?) **38:36**
 - ☆ Who gives animals their food, young, lands, cunning, and strength? (or, How do animals have the intelligence to survive?) **38:39-39:30**
 - ☆ "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct *Him*? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." **40:2**
 - ☆ "Would you indeed annul My [**God, jtpII**] judgment? Would you condemn Me [**God, jtpII**] that you may be justified?" **40:8**
 - ☆ "Who has preceded Me [**God, jtpII**], that I should pay *him*? Everything under heaven is Mine [**God, jtpII**]." **41:11**