

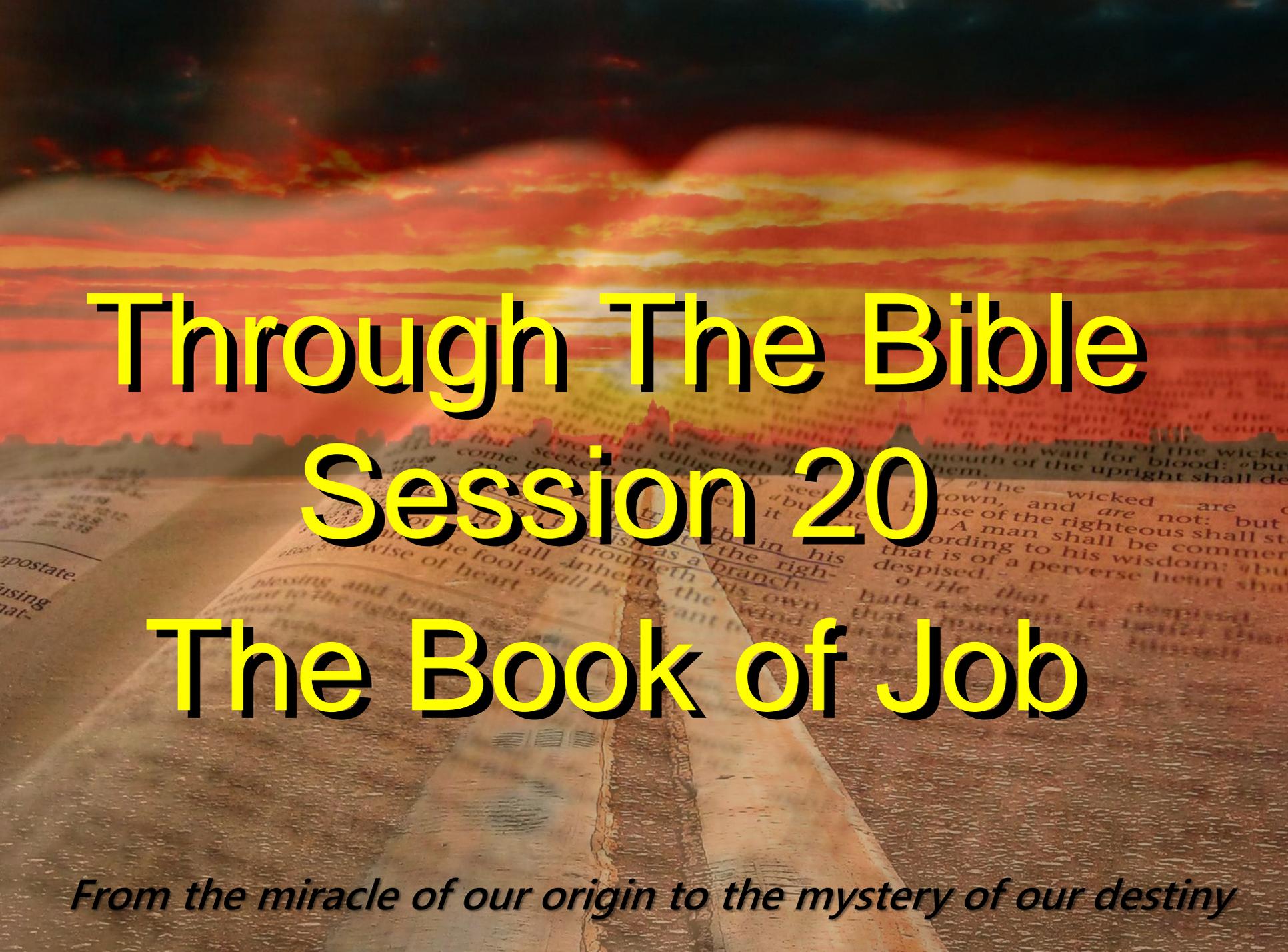
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Through The Bible Session 20 The Book of Job

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny

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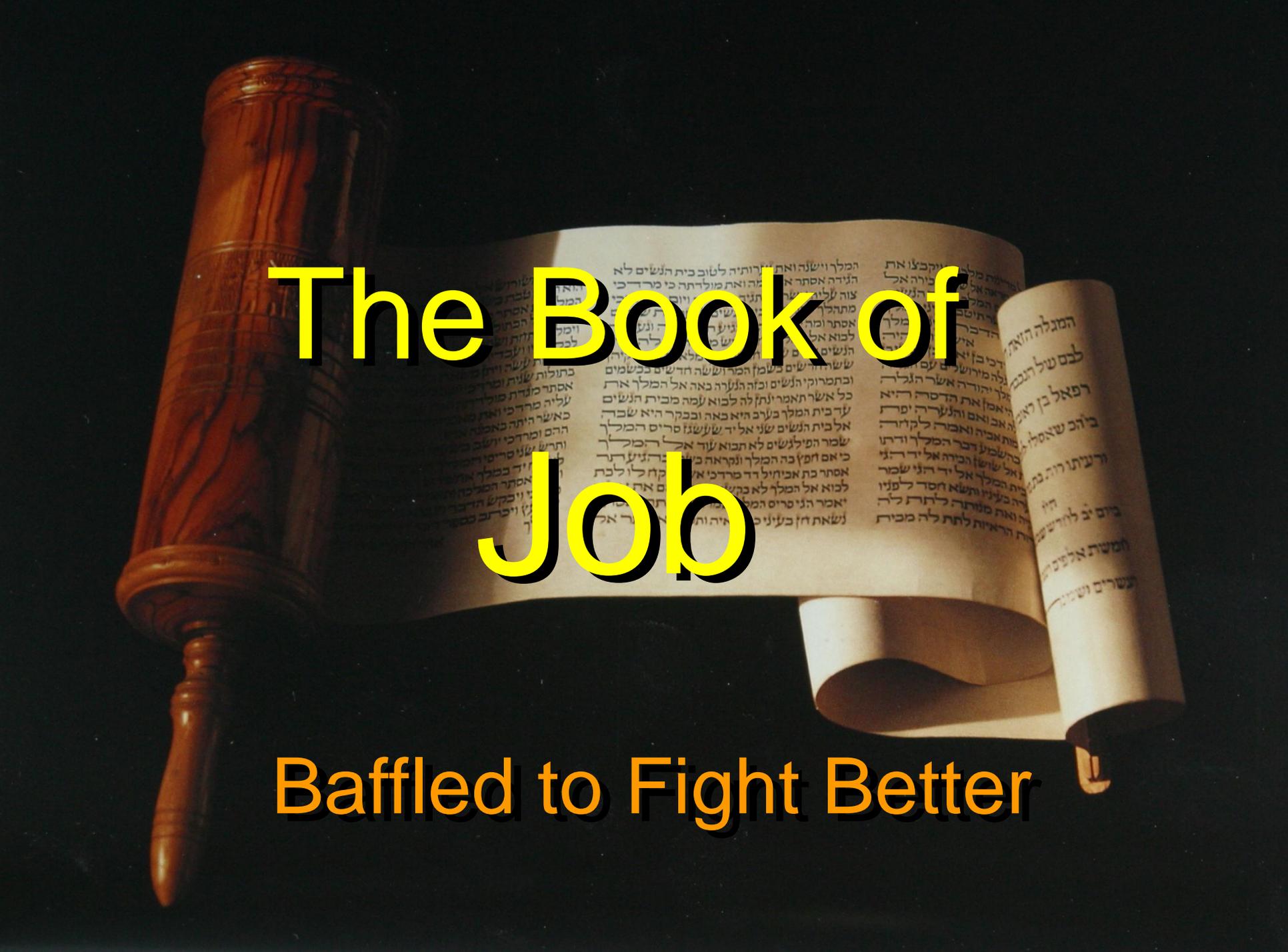
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The Book of Job

Baffled to Fight Better

Introduction to the Book

“It is in such a book as Job that many suffering souls will find consolation and sustaining, and this because no attempt is made to explain the why of suffering, but rather an expression is given to suffering which leaves one with the impression of an explanation in the final issue”.

Oswald Chambers

Introduction to the Book

- Victor Hugo said of the book of Job:
 - *"Tomorrow, if all literature was to be destroyed and it was left to me to retain one work only, I should save Job."*
 - *"greatest masterpiece of the human mind."*

Introduction to the Book

- Tennyson commented:
 - *“The greatest poem of ancient or modern times”*

Introduction to the Book

- Daniel Webster said:
 - *"The Book of Job taken as a mere work of literary genius, is one of the most wonderful productions of any age or of any language."*

Theme of the Book

- The problem of suffering?
 - Question never answered
- Why do the righteous suffer?
 - Still no answers given!
- The holiness & sovereignty of God
- Part of God's 'How to' series...

Theme of the Book

- ‘The Wisdom Literature’
 - *Job - How to suffer*
 - *Psalms - How to pray*
 - *Proverbs - How to act*
 - *Ecclesiastes - How to enjoy*
 - *Song of Solomon - How to love*
- Oswald Chambers
- Job reveals the God who is with us *through* the trials
 - David / Fiery Furnace / Red Sea / Disciples

Theme of the Book

15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:

Job 13:15

- The most sublime utterance of faith!

Theme of the Book

¹⁵ *Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:*

Job 13:15

- The basic premise of all things:

⁶⁸ *Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.*

Psalm 119:68

Theme of the Book

- The secret to suffering: 1 Corinthians 13:13
- Faith, Hope, Love

²⁵ For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

²⁶ And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

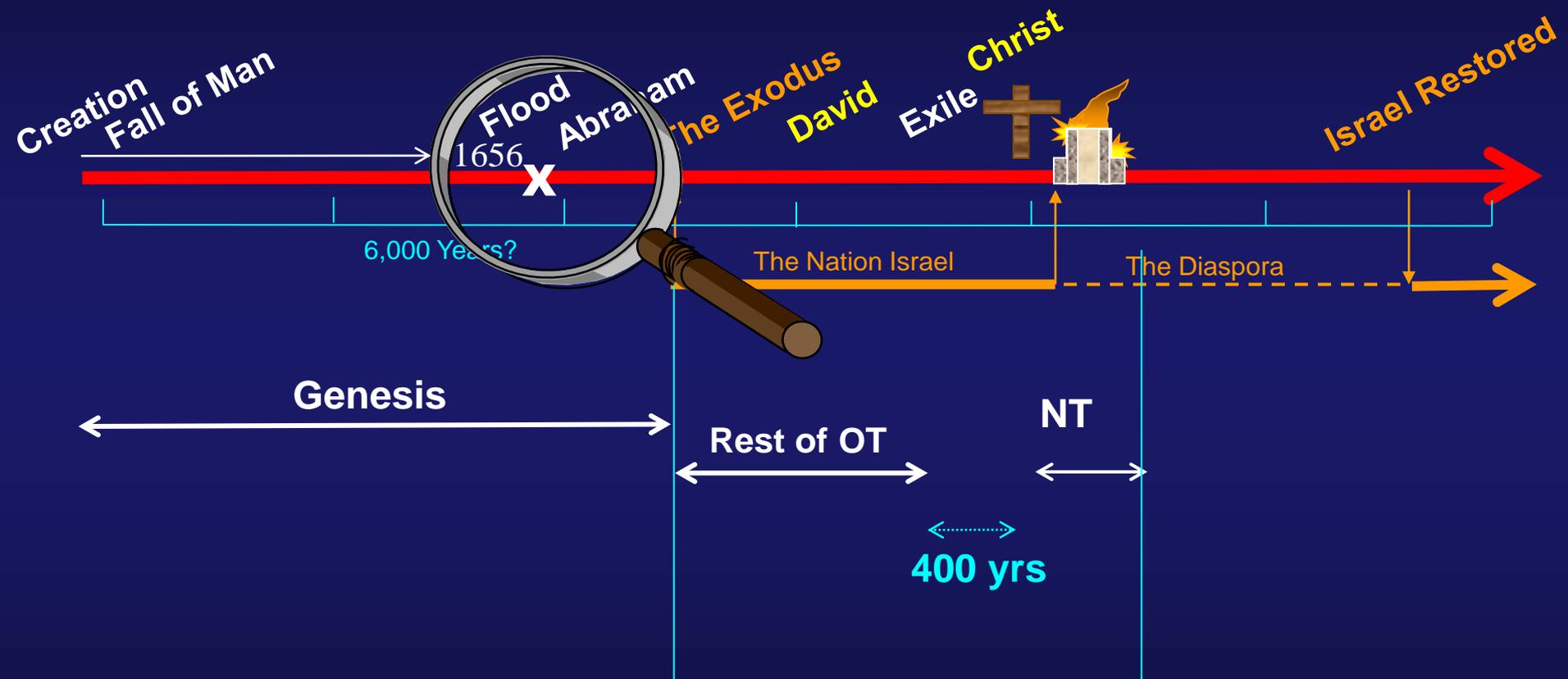
Job 19:25-26

Theme of the Book

*“The book defends the absolute glory and perfection of God - It sets forth the theme echoed in **Ps 18:3** (“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised”). God is deserving of our praise simply on the basis of who He is, apart from the blessings He bestows. Satan denied this (**1:9-11**), but Job proved him wrong (**1:20-22; 2:10**)”*

Wayne Jackson

The Time of Job



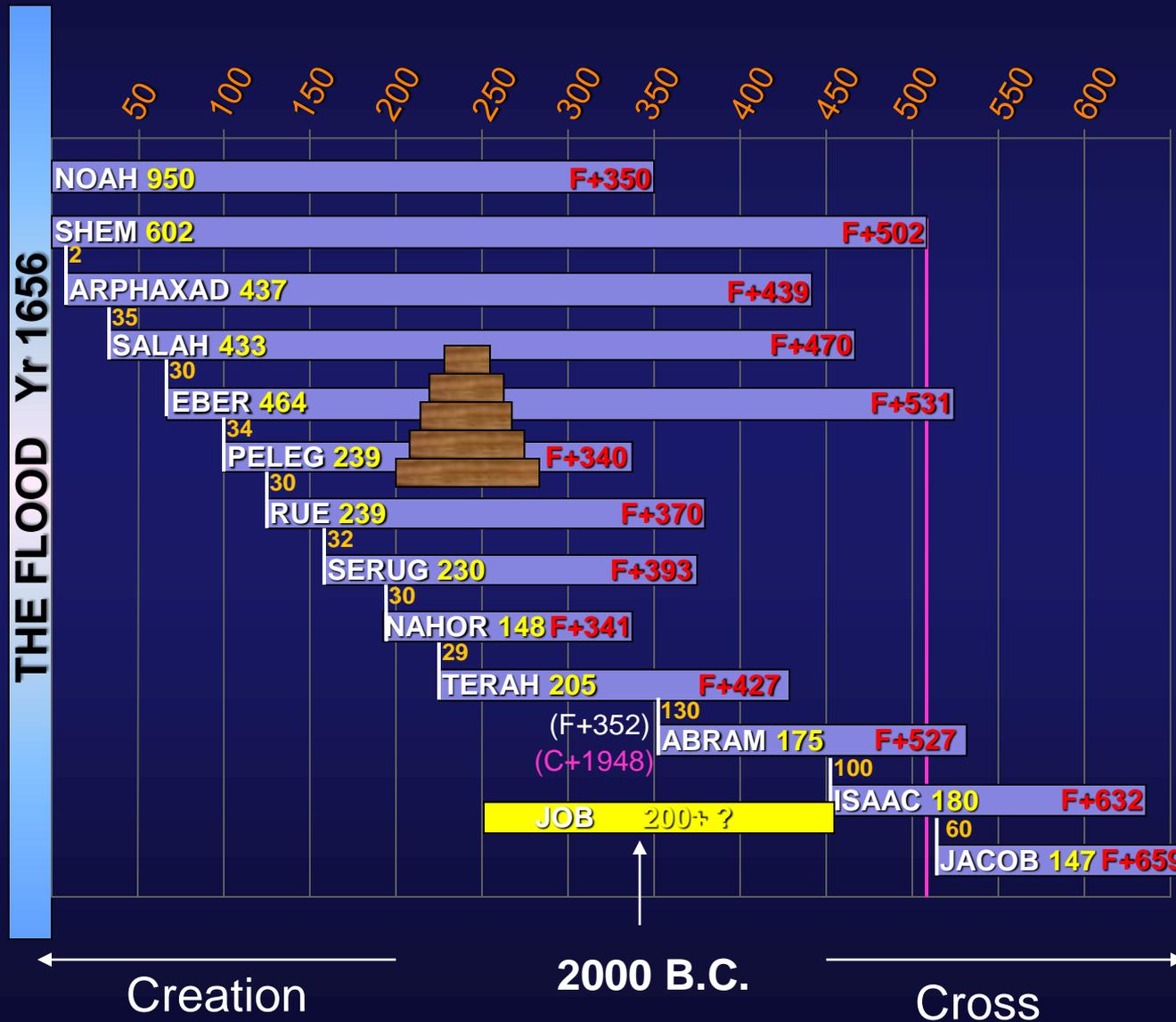
Introduction to the Book

- Time of patriarchs... no mention of Law, Israel, etc. (yet, sacrifices!).
 - How did Job know about substitutionary atonement?
- No mention of other “gods”
 - Soon after the Flood, yet ‘evil’ present

Introduction to the Book

- Length of Job's life:
 - 60 yrs? (10 adult children) +
 - 140 yrs after calamities (42:16);
 - Compares with Terah, Abraham's father, 205; Abraham, 175; Isaac, 180; Jacob, 147; Joseph, 110; ...shorter since.
 - May have overlapped Noah (350 yrs after flood); Shem (502 years; cf. Gen 9:28; 11:10,11);
- Abraham born 352 years after the flood...

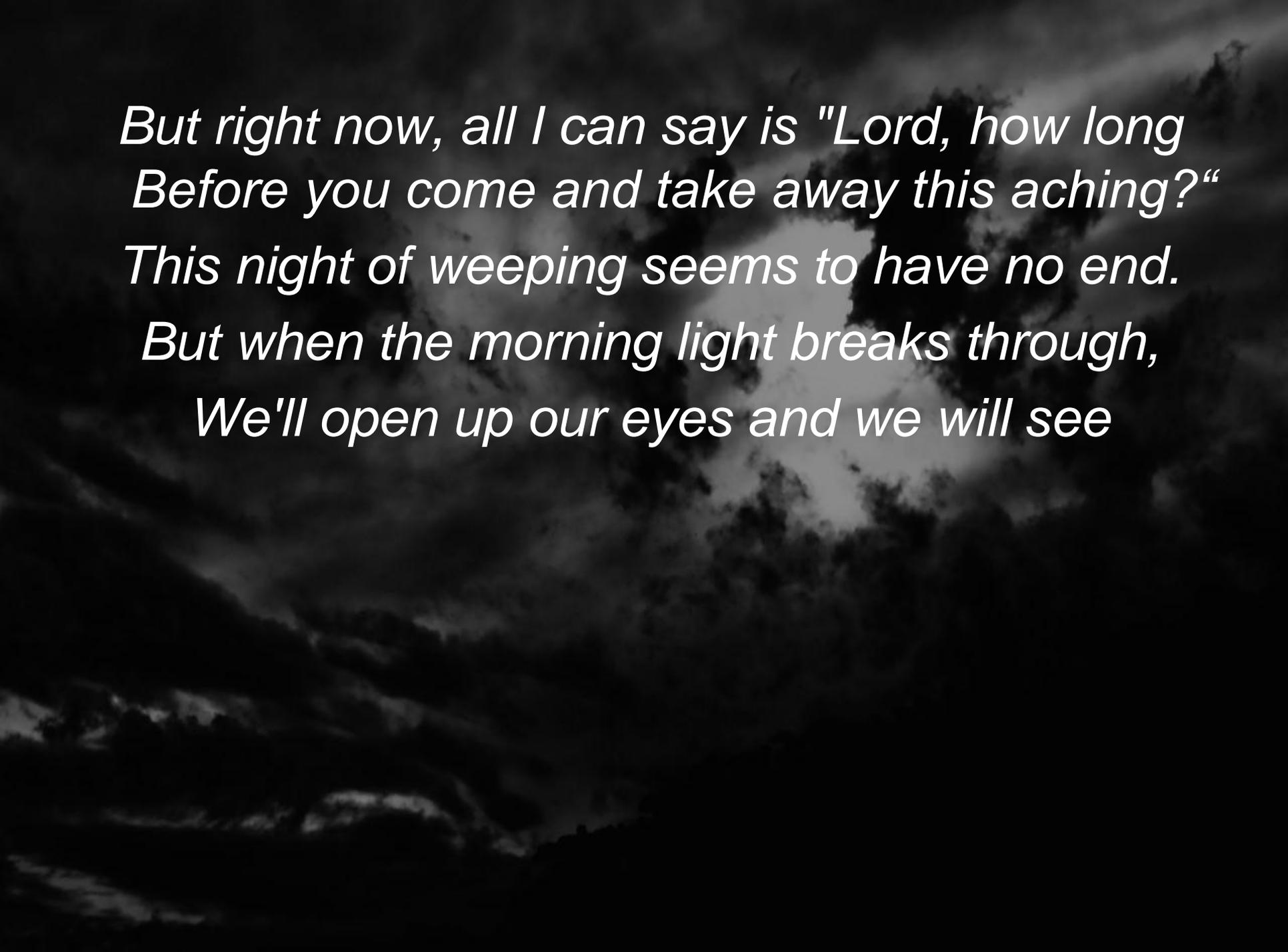
The Post Flood Years



Abraham & Isaac could both have known Shem!

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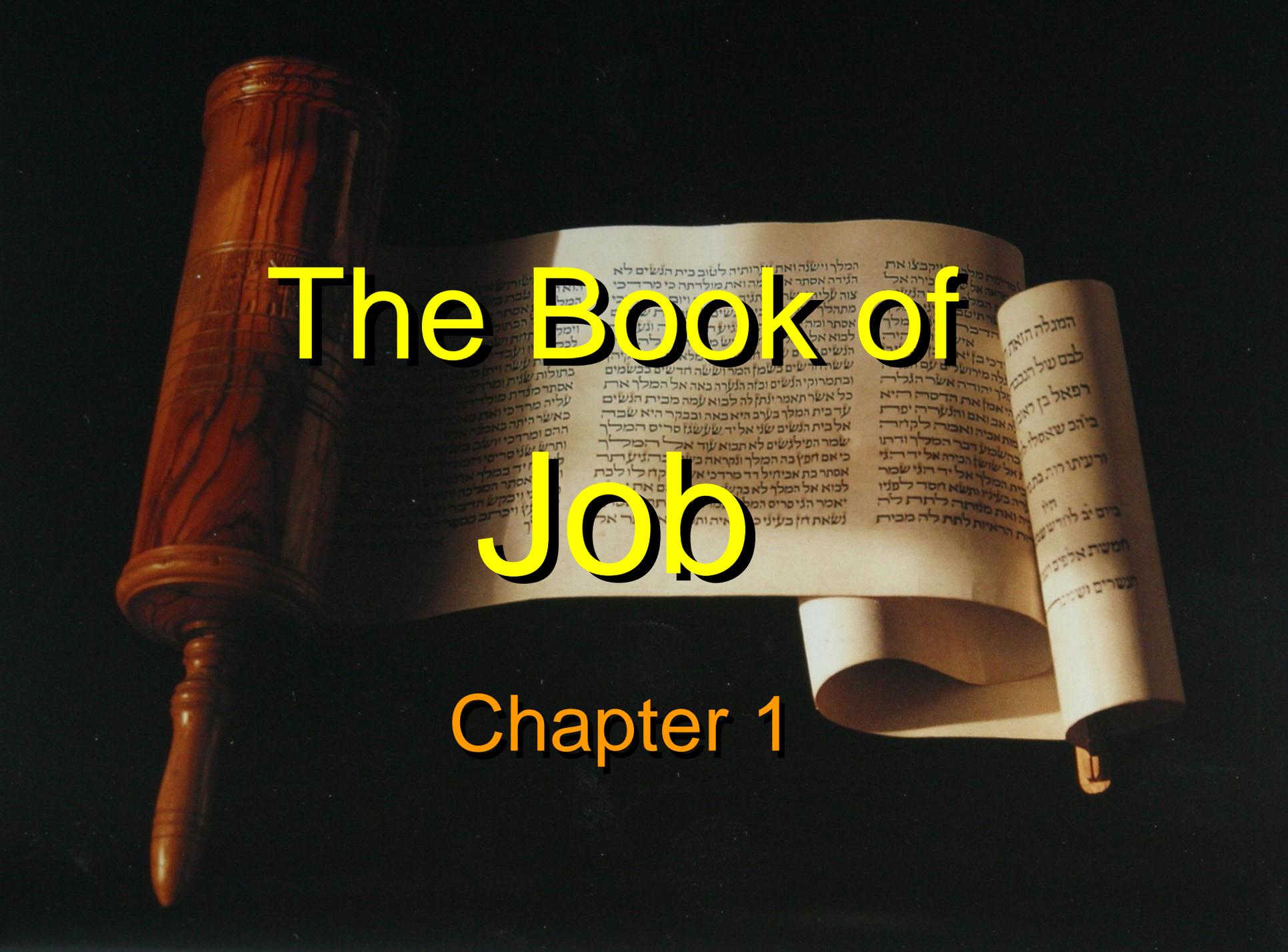


*But right now, all I can say is "Lord, how long
Before you come and take away this aching?"
This night of weeping seems to have no end.
But when the morning light breaks through,
We'll open up our eyes and we will see*

*It's everything that He said that it would be
And even better than we would believe
And he's counting down the days 'til He says
"Come with me."*

*And finally, he'll wipe every tear from our eyes
And make everything new, just like He promised
Wait and see, just wait and see, wait and see*

Steven Curtis Chapman - See



The Book of Job

Chapter 1

Enter.... Job!

I There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Job 1:1

- The reason for Satan's hatred
 - Reminiscent of Noah ('just & perfect' – Gen 6:9)
 - Satan is not omniscient – what problems might Job cause him?
 - Unwittingly, Satan masterminds his own failure

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- The beginning of wisdom – **Proverbs 9:10**
- To fear God is to acknowledge that there are consequences for our actions
- To acknowledge God as Creator

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Job 1:1

- He 'avoided evil' – because he feared the Lord
- He was no doubt aware of the effects
- One of our great problems is that we often don't see the consequences of our actions

Flood Legends

- 270+ records
 - 88% favoured family saved
 - 70% survival by a boat
 - 95% sole cause was a Flood
 - 66% man's wickedness was the cause
 - 77% animals were also saved
 - 57% survivors end up on a mountain
- Many say a bird was sent out
- Many say 8 people saved
- Many record a rainbow
- Many have a record of a man named Noe

⁵ And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job **sent and sanctified them,** and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Job 1:5

Three-fold responsibility of a father:

- Prophet – “thus says the LORD”
- Priest – intercessor
- King – head, to protect & provide for

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Job 1:5

- If this pre-dates Levitical priesthood, how did Job know to do this?
- Echoes of Eden?

Echoes of Eden

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21

- The punishment for sin was death – *Gen 2:17*
- God took the death of an innocent substitute to atone for their sin
- *“The life of the flesh is in the blood”* – *Lev 17:11*
- This would culminate in a Saviour – *Gen 3:15*

Atonement

- Adam's legacy
 - The 'mercy seat' at the gate of Eden
- Job probably knew Shem
- Shem knew the pre-flood world
- Atonement through the death of a substitute had been passed down to successive generations
- Job – a gentile? Saved by the blood

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⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 1:6

- Rev 12:10 – the accuser of the brethren
- Sons of God – Heb: Bene Ha Eloheim
 - Lit. *A direct creation of God*
 - Used of Angels - Gen 6:2 / Job 38:7
 - Adam - Luke 3:38
 - All believers:

Sons of God

I Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:1

- We are now a direct creation of God

Sons of God

*6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Job 38:6-7

- If all means all, Satan must have been among the angles giving glory to God here
- Note: God declares all Creation 'good'

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 1:7

- The earth is the Lord's and everything in it?
– Psalm 24:1
- Who holds the title to the Earth?
- Originally Adam – Gen 1:28
- Adam forfeited it – Psalm 8 :5

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job 1:8

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Job 1:9-10

- “Job only fears you because you protect him!”
- Satan confirms that the blessings are from the LORD (“every good gift...” – **James 1:17**)

Hedge of Protection

- This hedge is available to all
 - God is the same yesterday, today, forever
- He gives his beloved sleep Ps 127:2
- Angels – ministering spirits / guardians
Heb 1:12 / Matt 18:10
- Keeps your feet from stumbling 1 Sam 2:9
- His everlasting arms Deut 33:27 / John 10:28-29
- He lightens your path Psalm 119:105
- He is a shield and buckler Psalm 91:4

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job 1:11-12

- *'Job only serves God for the benefits'*
- This is a challenge to the age old issue of free will
- Free will is required if there is to be true love

Job's Trial

- Job is subjected to his 1st test
- He loses all his cattle (livelihood)
- He loses (effectively) all his household
- He loses all his sons
- He loses all his daughters
- As a result he lost his standing in the community
- He will also lose the respect he once knew

Our Adversary

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

- Not omnipresent
- Not omnipotent
- Psychopath
- The god of this world (for now) **2 Cor 4:4 / Lk 4**
- Can affect weather and health
- He who breaks a hedge... **Eccl 10:8**

The Pinnacle of Creation

²⁷ So God created man **in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27

- Adam was made 'like God'
- Satan was not!
- Adam 'out ranked' Satan in Eden - **Heb 1:12**
- What was so great that 1/3 of the angels would follow Satan? - **Rev 12:4**

The Fall of Satan

6 Not a novice, lest **being lifted up with pride** he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:6

The Fall of Satan

¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isaiah 14:12-14

The Origin of Satan

12a Thou sealest up the sun, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Ezekiel 28:12-15

The Origin of Satan

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **till iniquity** was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:12-15

- In his pride, Satan sought to destroy man and claim his position & title to the earth

The Present Distress

¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

1 John 5:19

- For now, the earth has been handed over to Satan
- Satan 'stole' the earth from Adam

The Present Distress

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

The Present Distress

- 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me;** and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Luke 4:5-8

- Jesus doesn't contest Satan's claim
- Satan has this world – for now!

The Day is Coming!

- 1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*
- 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

Revelation 5:1-5

The Title Deed to the Earth!

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Revelation 5:1-5

- John understands the seriousness of this problem
- Unless one is found worthy...

The Day is Coming!

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

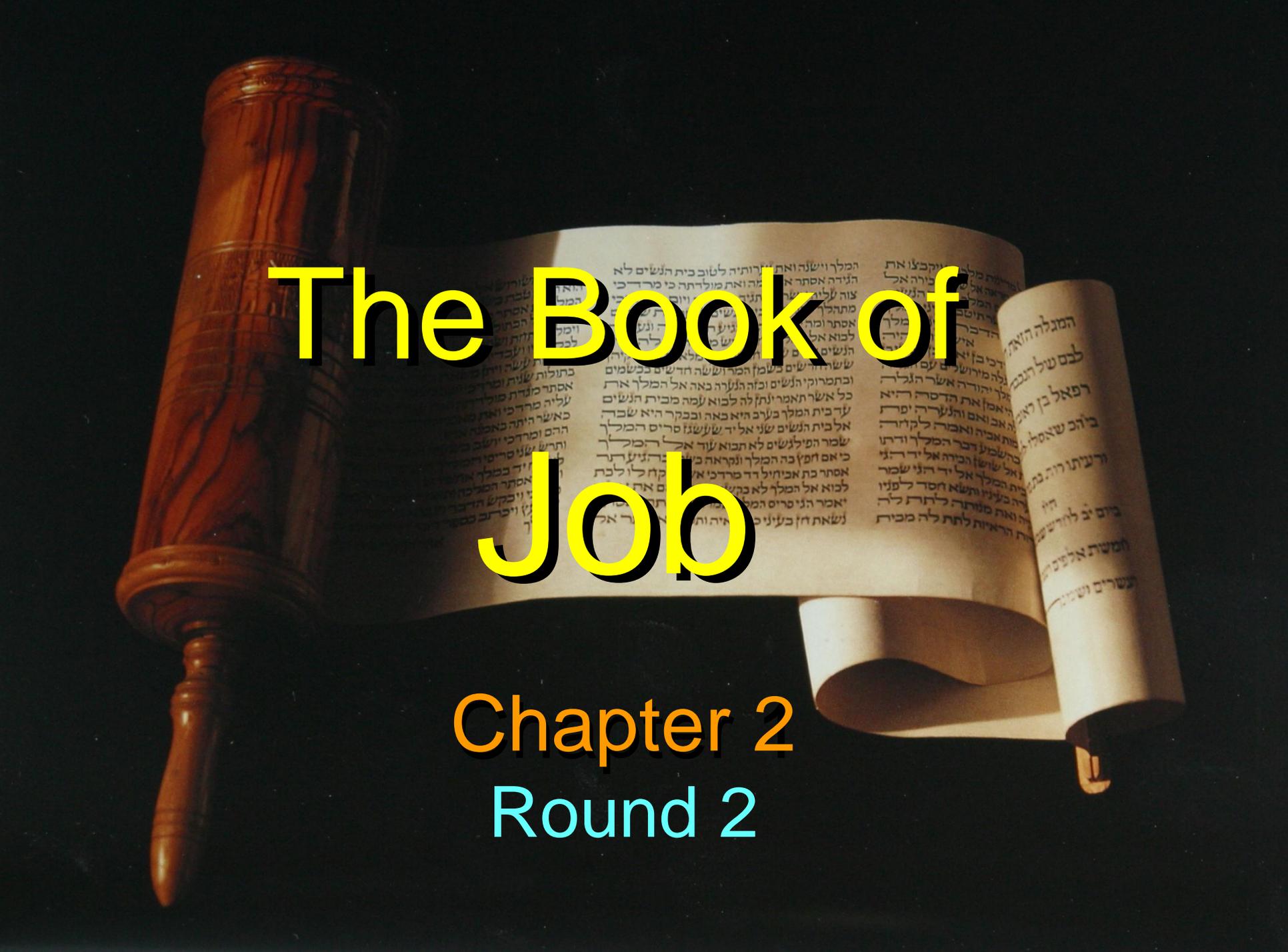
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God 1 : 0 Satan

- In Job 1:11 Satan made a statement:
- *“But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face”*
- Satan contended that Job only served God *because* of the blessings.
- Despite losing so much, Job does not turn his back on God or declare God to be unjust

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,
21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 1:20-22



The Book of Job

Chapter 2 Round 2

⁶ And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

Job 2:6

- If Satan loses the argument this time, he loses the argument for all time!
- If a man (or woman) can love God, simply because God is God, then Satan's claim that a man only loves God because of the blessings and protection is falsified.
- This is a challenge to the plan of redemption and must be settled once and for all.

Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- God's plan of redemption depends on man being a free moral agent, capable of accepting or rejecting.
- If we were coerced into accepting Salvation (which is in a sense what Satan is suggesting) it would not be free choice,
- God would not justly be able to 'claim' the restoration of the Edenic relationship with man (see Rev 21:3).

Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- This had to be settled before the Cross – for from that point faith has given way to sight.
- The blessing of salvation through the blood of Christ eclipses all other benefits derived from God's hand.
- Job had faith in a coming Redeemer
 - Job 19:25

Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- The book of Job summarises a direct attack by Satan on the plan of redemption
- If man can be shown to only love God for the blessings, redemption is a farce
 - Redemption = to restore, purchase back
- If Satan can 'win' this one, he wins the day
- If God wins, the justification for His master-plan of Salvation is established!

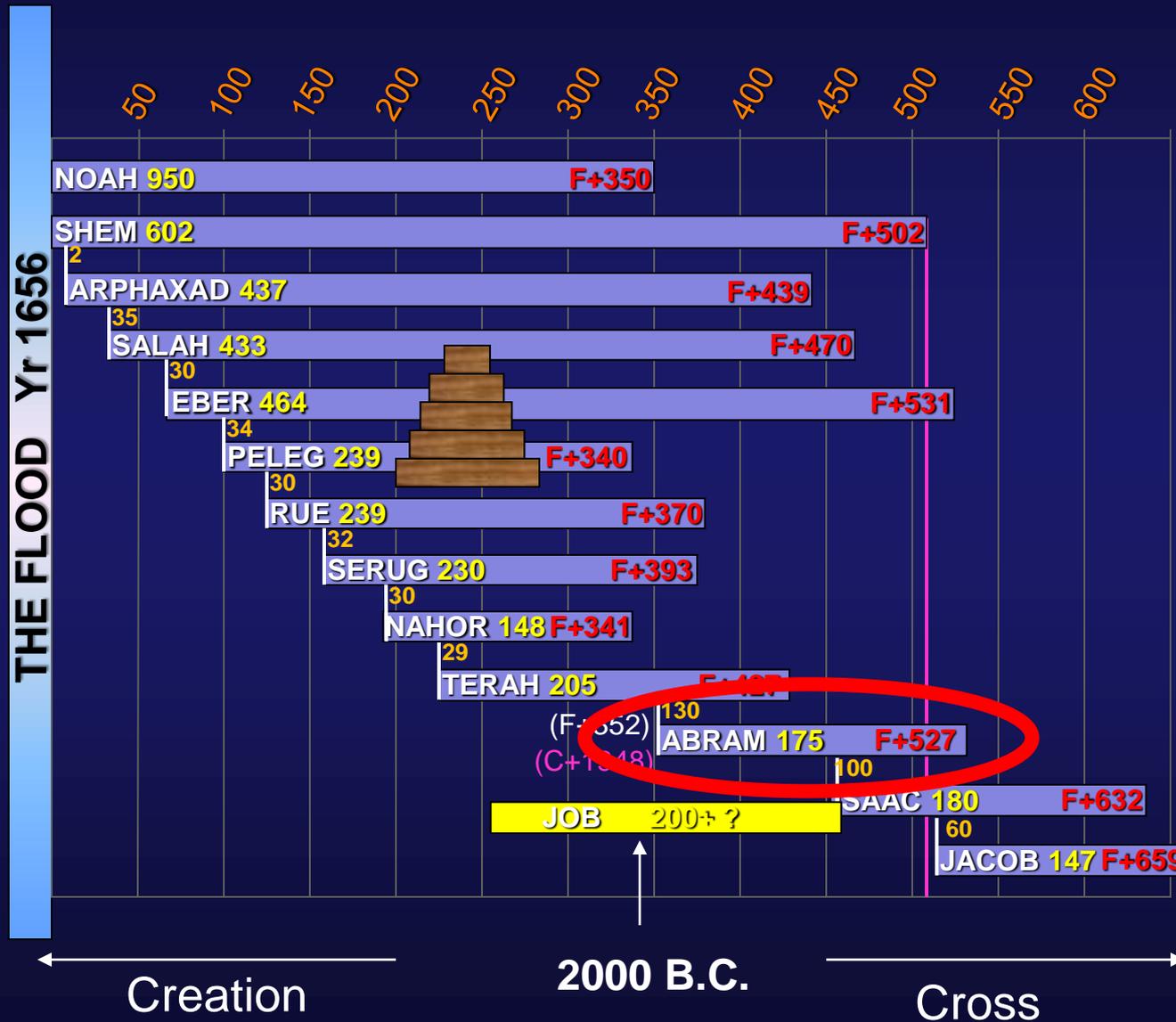
Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- The book of Job is pivotal to the plan of redemption
- Why did God allow Satan to attack Job?
- To settle the question in a 'court of law'
- And to remove any claim Satan would try to make as to the legitimacy of God's plan.
- Thus, this 'exercise' will never need be repeated!

Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- Who wins?
- God!
- What happens next?

The Post Flood Years



Abraham
& Isaac
could
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known
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Satan's Attacks

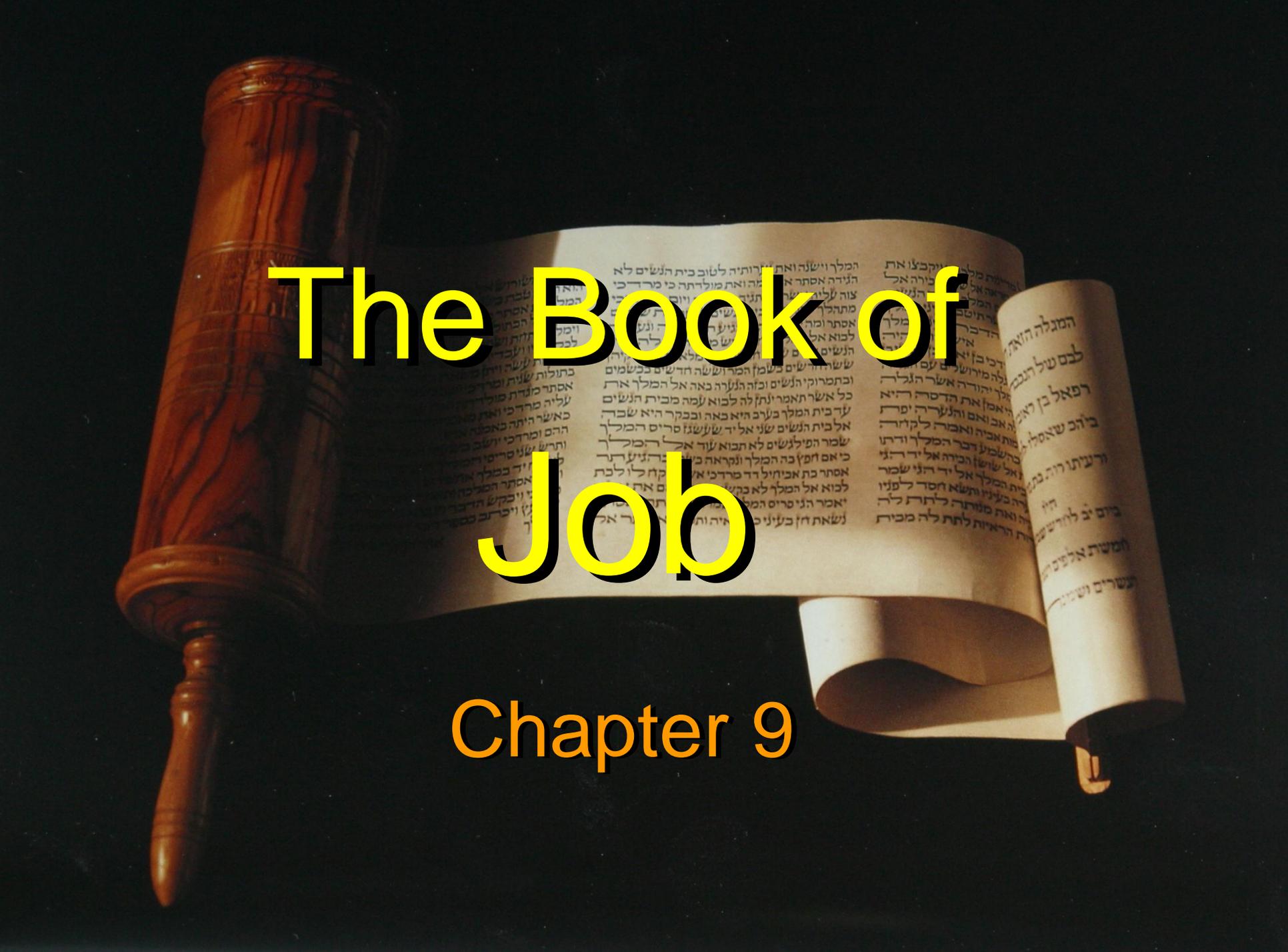
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- No. 3: Job's wife - Chapter 2
- No. 4: Job's 'Friends' - Chapter 4-31
- No. 5: Elihu - Chapter 32

Review of Job's 1-8

- Ch1: The scene is set
 - Attack no#1
- Ch2: God 2 : 0 Satan
 - Attack no#2 & #3
- Ch3: Job speaks: 'my life is now worthless'
- Ch4-5: Eliphaz presents the 'conclusion'
 - Job *must be guilty*
- Ch 6-7: Job states his case
 - 'He does not deserve this divine attention'
 - 'Eliphaz is teaching me nothing'

Review of Job's 1-8

- Ch8: Bildad offers counsel
 - *“My theology tells me you are wrong because you are suffering”*
 - *“Repent and it will all be ok!”*
- The paralysis of analysis
 - *“You shall reap what you sow “(Gal 6:7)*
 - Correct perspective (before the event)
 - Cannot be applied retrospectively (*lack of data*)



The Book of Job

Chapter 9

*5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not:
which overturneth them in his anger.*

*6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the
pillars thereof tremble.*

*7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and
sealeth up the stars.*

Job 9:5-7

- Hebrew poetry or historical fact?
- Allusion to the flood?
- Firsthand experience?

Conclusion?

- God says what He means and means what He says!
- We are all victims of the 'wisdom' of our modern age.
- We are still prone to interpret scripture through the lens of our own understanding
- The more we study, the more we find we can take God's word seriously!
- Job 9:5-7 are not just poetry & fiction!

8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

Job 9:8-9

- Modern cosmology concurs with Job!
- They talk of a singularity
 - Various theories under the heading ‘the big bang’
- The general agreement is that the heavens are spreading out
- 17x in scripture we are told that this is what God has done

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

Job 9:10

- Consider what we have discovered of what God has done...

The Wonder of You

- 6000 taste buds on your tongue
- Nose can tell 10,000 different aromas
- Eye has 110 million rods and cones
 - 10,000 steps between black to white,
 - 137 Million light sensitive cells
 - Eyes are just a radio receiver
 - They pass information to the brain
- Blood vessels in front of the retina to protect from UV light (compare the Octopus – great underwater vision)

The Wonder of You

- It takes around 200 bits of information to run the universe
- It takes several million bits for simple bacteria
- It takes trillions of bits to run you
 - Defies evolutionary model
 - Information is required
 - Information comes from intelligence
 - There is no natural process where information is added to the genome

From conception until birth the baby adds 15,000 cells per minute to its body. Each cell is more complex than a space shuttle!



Our Response?

“Biologists must constantly keep in mind what they see was not designed, but evolved.”

Francis Crick, Noble Laureate, DNA Research

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

King David of Israel 1000 BC (Psalm 139:14)

IO Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

Job 9:10

- From the wonders of the universe to the complexity of life...
- These are some of the amazing and awe inspiring things we have found out.
- How much greater than our understanding must God truly be?!!

II Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceiue him not.

Job 9:11

- We are often ignorant of the ways of God
- Our hearing is not sensitive to His voice
- God is Spirit; we are fleshly
- God is extra dimensional, and beyond time & space
- He could pass right by us without us even knowing

¹⁵ Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

Job 9:15

- Job acknowledges his own unrighteousness
 - Note: God has said Job was ‘upright’ ch1
- Are you a good person?
- *“He will judge us in the last day according to his estimate of our character, and not according to the estimate which we may form”*
 - Barnes

Job's Reverence for God

I, who am so feeble, how can I contend with him? If the most mighty objects in the universe are under his control; if the constellations are directed by him; if the earth is shaken, and mountains moved from their places, by his power, and if the men of most exalted rank are prostrated by him, how can I presume to contend with God?

Such was the veneration which Job had for the character of God, that should he attempt to answer him, he would select his words with the utmost care and attention. - **Albert Barnes**

²⁷ If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:

²⁸ I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

Job 9:27-28

- Cause and Effect:
- *If* Job gives up his search for an answer...
 - Even though it is a heavy burden
- *Then* the outcome could bring greater sorrow and be dishonouring to God
- Job now knows he is accountable to God for the fruit he is bearing through this trial

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Job 9:25-28

- It is often easier to 'give up'
- But God will hold all of us accountable for how we have persevered through the trials
 - cf 1 Cor 3: Our assessment day
- The offering on the altar was a sweet savour to God

Understanding God's Will

- Job is learning on his journey
- He started seeing no purpose for his life
- Now he knows he must not give up
- The change?
- Focussing on the greatness of God
- When we look to Him, our perception of ourselves changes

32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

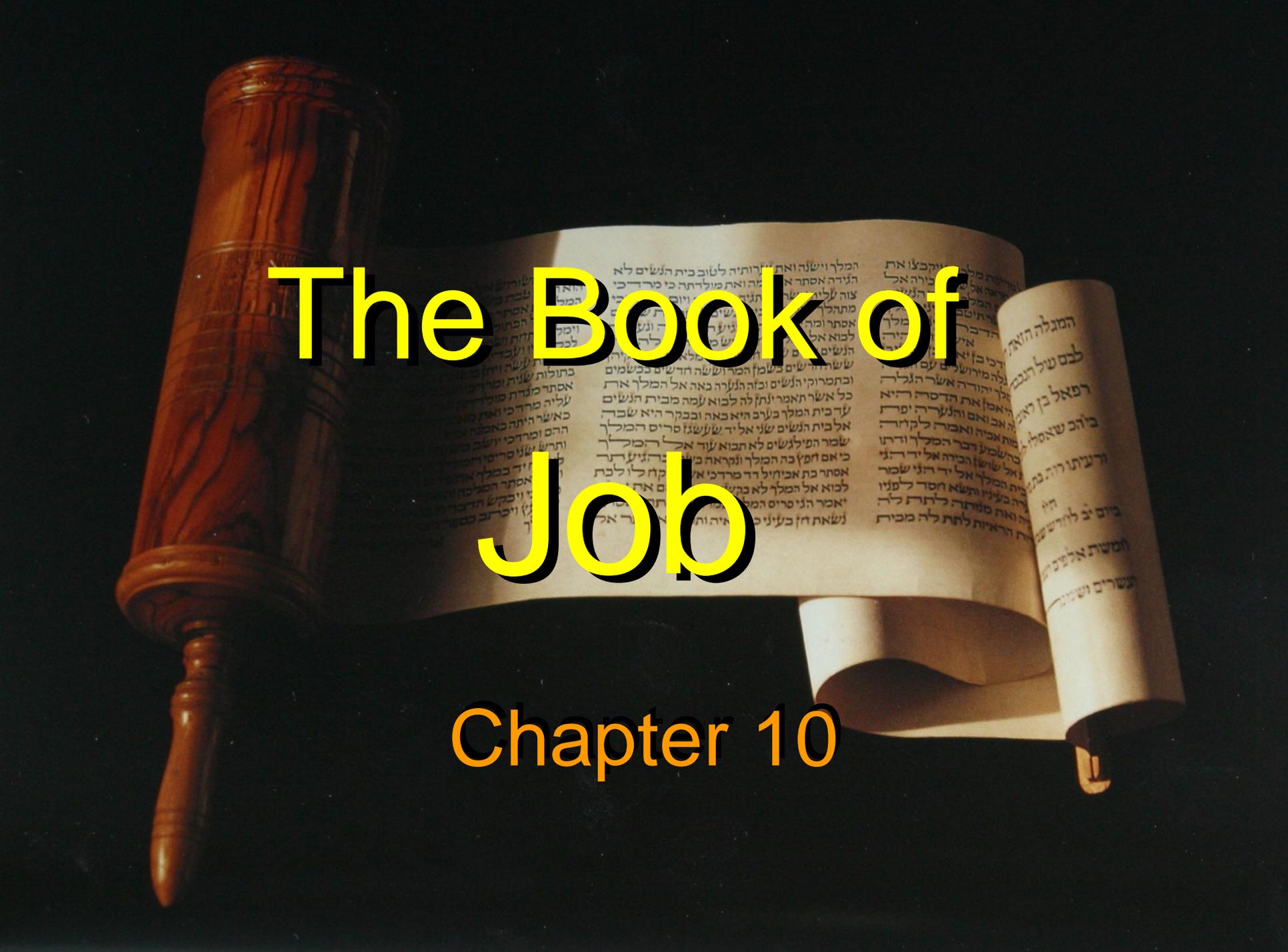
Job 9:32-35

- Daysman: 'Right' / Judge

Our Daysman

- 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
- 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 Tim 2:5-6



The Book of Job

Chapter 10

I My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

Job 10:1

- “This burden is wearing me down...”
- [But] I will not put aside my complaint
 - *Viz. I will not give up my quest for vindication*
- *The literal sense is, "I will leave complaint upon myself;" that is, I will give way to it; I will not restrain it; - Barns*

A Change of Perspective?

- In chapter 7, Job says he will complain because of the bitterness;
 - the complaint being 'why was I ever born'
- In Ch. 10 Job says that he will not now just capitulate, but rather speak 'through' the bitter pain to discover the reason

² I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

Job 10:2

- God's character has been unwittingly maligned by Job's friends
- Job is seeking vindication for himself and God

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days,

6 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 **Thou knowest that I am not wicked;** and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

Job 10:4-7

- v7. *'I am not wicked'*
 - *Direct refutation of Eliphaz & Bildad*
- So there must be another explanation for this suffering

The argument part 1: Job 3-14

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| (1.) | Job's perspective | Job 3 |
| (2.) | Speech of Eliphaz, | Job 4-5 |
| (3.) | Answer of Job, | Job 5-6 |
| (4.) | Speech of Bildad, | Job 8 |
| (5.) | Answer of Job, | Job 9-10 |
| (6.) | Speech of Zophar, | Job 11 |
| (7.) | Answer of Job, | Job 12-14 |

The argument part 2: Job 15-21

- (1.) Speech of Eliphaz, Job 15
- (2.) Answer of Job, Job 16-17
- (3.) Speech of Bildad, Job 18
- (4.) Answer of Job, Job 19
- (5.) Speech of Zophar, Job 20
- (6.) Answer of Job, Job 21

The argument part 3: Job 22-31

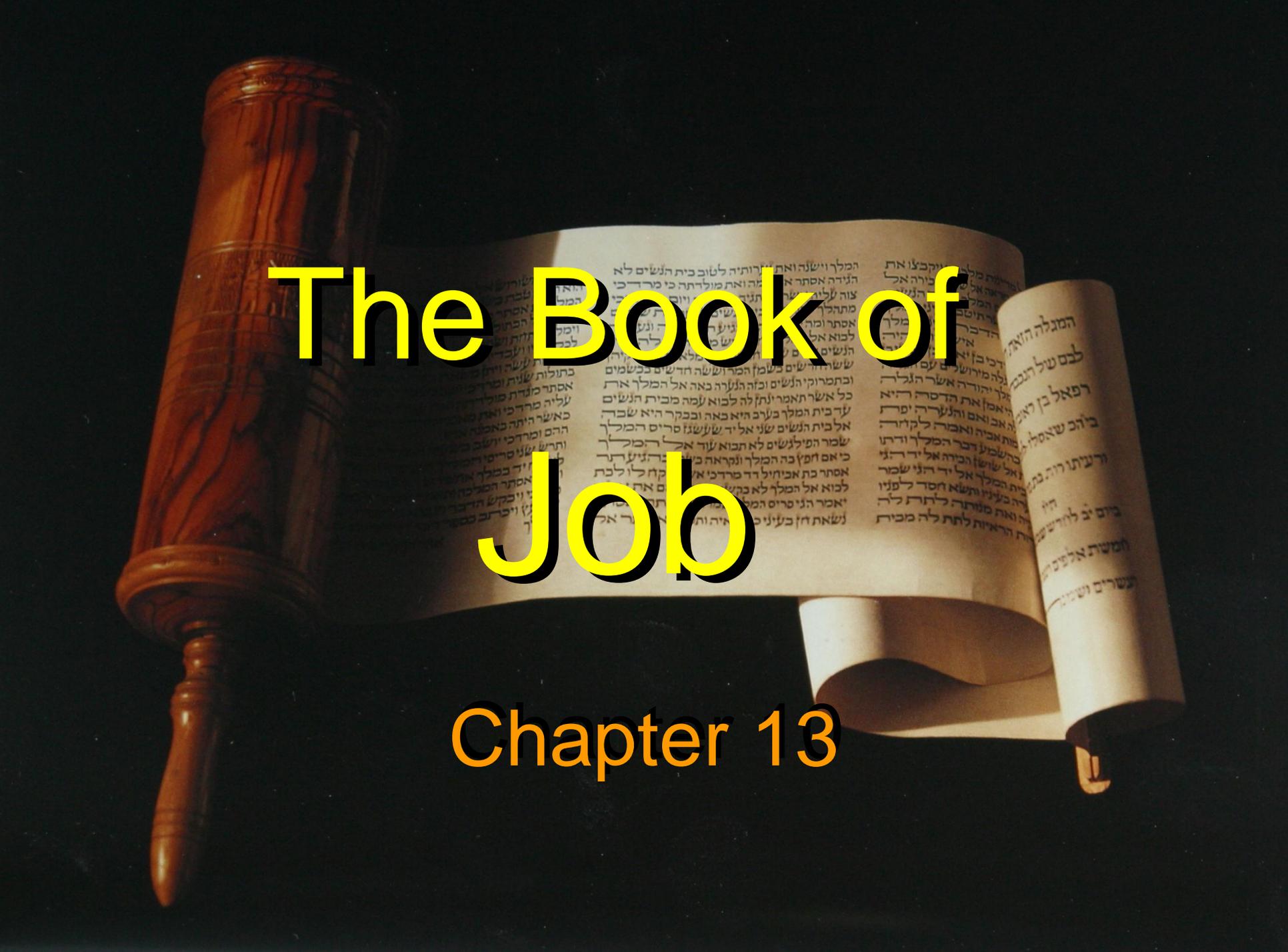
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| (3.) | Speech of Bildad, | Job 25 |
| (4.) | Answer of Job, | Job 26-31 |

The argument part 4: Job 32-37

(1.) Speech of Elihu Job 32-37

The conclusion, part 5: Job 38-42

- (1.) God speaks, Job 38-41
- (2.) Job's response Job 42:1-6.



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Chapter 13

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

Job 13:1-4

- Job's friends have spoken to each other...
- ...but not to God in prayer as had Job
- If we act in the affairs of others independent of God we become physicians of no value!

13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

*15 **Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:** but I will maintain mine own ways before him.*

Job 13:13-15

- Most sublime utterance of faith in scripture!

16 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

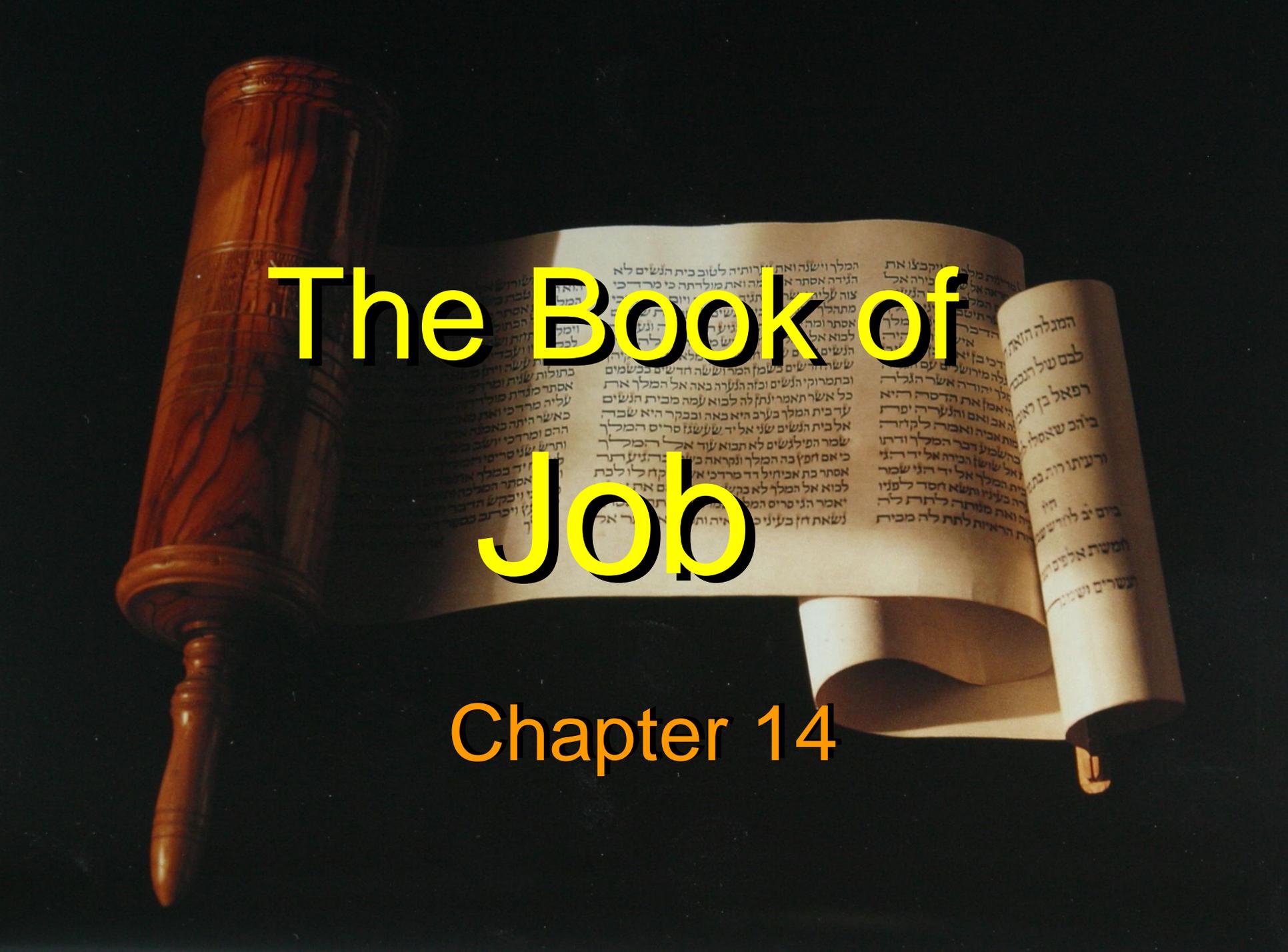
17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

Job 13:16-19

- Job's hope is in God, for salvation & justification yet to come
- Once again Job restates his 'calling'



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Chapter 14

Growing In Grace

- Chapter 14: The hope of Salvation
 - *“If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come”*
 - This life is not all
 - This is just a shadow land

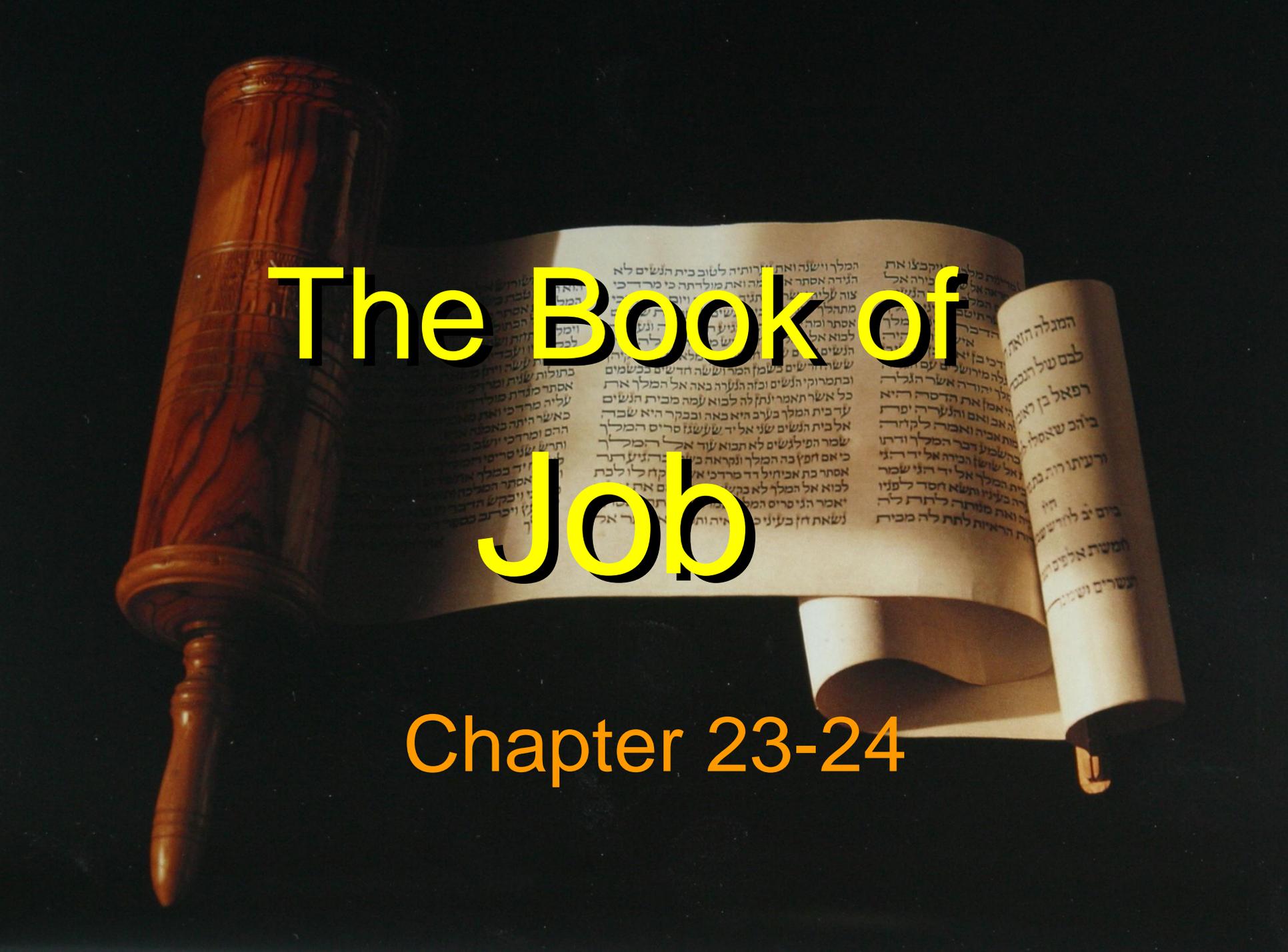
Growing in Grace

If the study of the Book of Job is making us reverent with what we don't understand, we are gaining insight.

– Oswald Chambers, *Baffled to Fight Better*,

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature

2 Peter 1:4



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Chapter 23-24

Job Chapter 23-24

- Job is part way through his rebut to Eliphaz
- Eliphaz' argument typical of Satan's wiles:
 - a) God cannot use someone like you
 - b) You're not good enough
 - c) Think of all the bad things you have done
 - d) If you say sorry, you can then:
 - Confess it and it will happen
 - Name it and claim it
 - Become prosperous

Job Chapter 23-24

- Job's response
 - I long to speak to God and He will vindicate me!
 - Although I cannot see Him, He knows my every step
 - I have not committed the evil you think of me
 - He is putting me through a furnace to try me
 - ...and I will come forth as gold
 - I still love His word
 - I am in awe at His great power, and mercy
- The Job addresses what the wicked *are* like

*I Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty,
do they that know him not see his days?*

Job 24:1

- Time is in God's hand; so His own *should* see the 'signs of the times' and thereby discern the world around us.
- Biblical illiteracy
 - **Christians do not see His days!**
- 'Ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth'!

God's Barometers

- The wicked
 - 2 Pet 3:3-6 / 2 Tim 3:1-4 / Matt 24:12 / 2 Thes 2:7
- The church
 - Matt 13 / 1 Tim 4:1 / Rev 2-3 / Rev 17-18
- The political landscape
 - Daniel 2,7,9 / Rev 13,17-18 / Matt 24:7
- The nation of Israel
 - Matt 24:32-34 / Isaiah 66:8 / Hosea 3:4 /
- Creation
 - Romans 8:22 / Matt 24:7

Understanding the Times

- The Jews were ignorant of the times, and were blinded – Daniel 9 / Luke 19
- Prophecy is a road map for believers
- The modern church is ignorant of prophecy – and has lost its way!

The argument part 4: Job 32-37

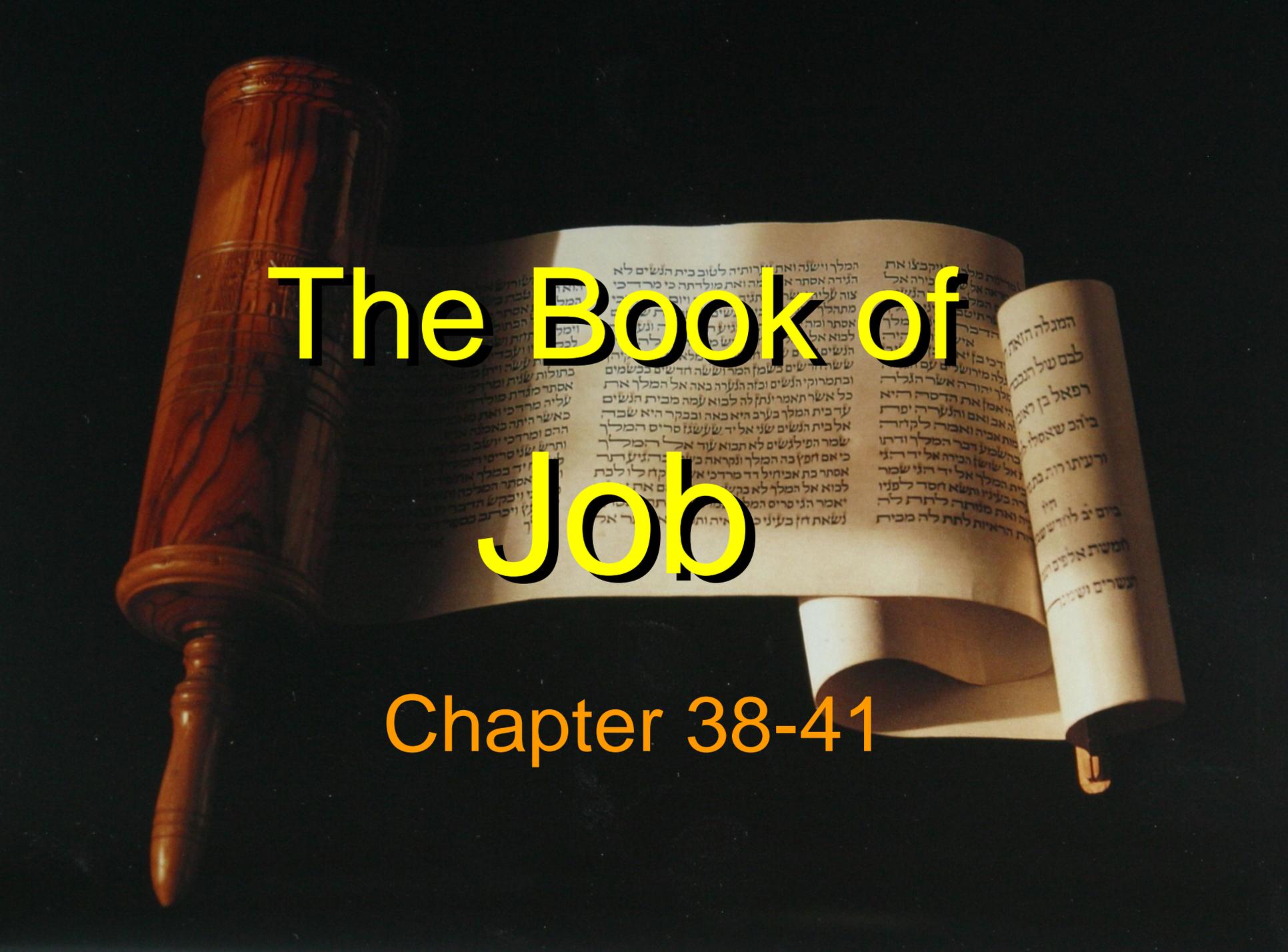
(1.) Speech of Elihu Job 32-37

Elihu's Misrepresentation of Job

- Elihu started by stating the need to avoid opinion and base the argument on the facts
- But then proceeds to speak of his own opinion!
- The 'facts' will be interpreted by our viewpoint (opinion)

The conclusion, part 5: Job 38-42

- (1.) God speaks, Job 38-41
- (2.) Job's response Job 42:1-6.



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Chapter 38-41

Job's Exam Results

• Geology test:	FAILED
• Physics test	FAILED
• Meteorology	FAILED
• Astronomy	FAILED
• Biology	FAILED
• Chemistry	FAILED
• Zoology	FAILED

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind,

Job 38:1-2

- God speaks through storms
- *He spake amidst lightnings and tempests on Mount Sinai* - Barnes
- *“Pain is God’s megaphone to a deaf world”*
– C.S. Lewis
- The reformation in Europe was sparked by a lightning storm
- The force and power of nature humble us and remind us of our frailty

*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind,
and said...*

Job 38:1

- In Job 38-42 our attention is drawn to God's amazing creative acts
- God demonstrates His power and sovereignty over all creation
- But creation is just a backdrop for the central message – that God is interested in Man.
- God condescends to commune with, instruct, rebuke, and restore Mankind

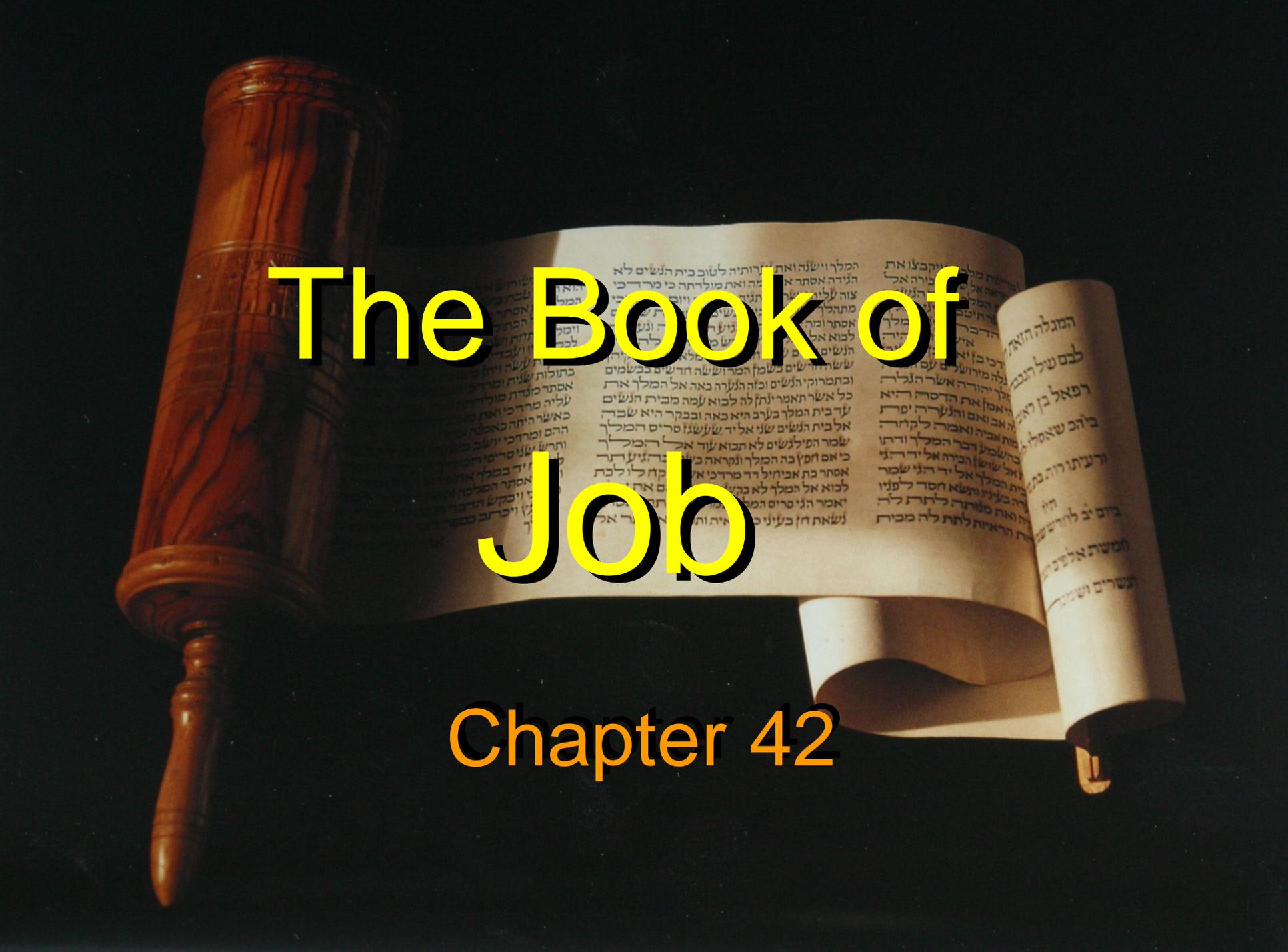
³ Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

Job 38:3

- Get ready for battle!

Wrestling with God

- God adopts the same approach when wrestling with Jacob - **Gen 32:24**
- Jesus also with Simon Peter - **John 21:15-17**
- God brings us to the point of submission before His glory and majesty
- Cf. Ephesians 5-6
 - The conclusion is we must submit one to another, and to the LORD
 - Don't be puffed up with pride
 - Have your loins girt with spiritual armour
 - Don't rely on your own strength or wisdom



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Chapter 42

Job's Assets

Before	After
7,000 Sheep	14,000 Sheep
3,000 Camels	6,000 Camels
500 Yoke of Oxen	1,000 Yoke of Oxen
500 Female Donkeys	1,000 Female Donkeys
7 Sons	7 Sons
3 Daughters	3 Daughters

- How many children did Job start with?
- How many at the end?
- Everything doubles – except Children!

Divine Distinction

²⁰ All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

²¹ Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

Ecclesiastes 3:20-21

- Evolution is an insult to intelligence
- Evolution is an insult to God!

Divine Distinction

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

Job 42:15-17

*It's everything that He said that it would be
And even better than we would believe
And he's counting down the days 'til He says
"Come with me."*

*And finally he'll wipe every tear from our eyes
And make everything new, just like He promised
Wait and see, just wait and see, wait and see*

Steven Curtis Chapman - See



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