STUDIES IN JOB

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INFORMATION ON THE BOOK

DATE WRITTEN

The most commonly accepted date for the writing of this book is between 2100 and 1550 BC, with many landing on 1520 BC. This date is, however, widely questioned by careful students of the Bible. It is apparent that it was written before 600 BC since we find it referred to by Ezekiel 14:14, where he is listed with "Noah and Daniel." And because of many words found in the text are similar to those found in the first five books of the Bible, it is believed to have been written in the same time period. For this reason, many attribute the actual writing of the book to Moses. Some have supposed that the original was penned by Job, and that Moses became familiar with it while in Midian. Thus Moses added the Prologue and Epilogue in which we find so many similarities with the Pentateuch. Still others place the writing well into the time period when Israel took possession of the land of Canaan. However, the unit of money mentioned in 42:11 is found only in Genesis 33:19 and Joshua 24:32. The literary content of the book is similar to that found in both Akkadian and Ugaritic literature. This strongly suggests that it was written during the patriarchal period. The fact that parallels to the situation in which Job found himself are found among the writings of the Mesopotamians would also suggest that this book is dated from the patriarchal period.

THE MAN

Define the name JOB: ____________________________________________________________

List Two passages of Scripture in which Job is mentioned other than in the book which bears his name: _______

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QUESTIONS ON JOB

I. Historical Introduction in Prose - Chapters 1, 2.

1. Character, Prosperity and Happiness of Job - 1:1-5.

   1. Where did Job live and where is it located? 1:1

   2. Discuss the four characteristics of Job and show how they relate to us today. 1:1

   3. What was the financial status of Job and how may we determine this? 1:2, 3

   4. Are we to conclude that there was something wrong with the feasting mentioned in 1:4? 1:4, 5 Discuss in class.


   5. Who are the "sons of God" in 1:6?

   6. What had Satan been doing? 1:7

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7. How does God characterize Job and how does Satan explain it? 1:8-10 

8. Satan and God both seem to be interested in motives. Why is this so? 

9. In what ways was Satan permitted to afflict Job? 1:12-19 

10. How did Job react to this affliction? 1:20,21 

11. What was the summation of Job's reaction at this time? 1:22 

12. Explain what God meant by the word "integrity" in 2:3. 

13. What is meant by "skin for skin" in 2:4? 

14. How much latitude did God give Satan in his treatment of Job? 2:5,6 

15. Describe the disease sent by Satan to afflict Job. 2:7
16. Why did Job sit in the ashes? 2:8

17. Someone reacted the way Satan expected - who was it and why? 2:9

18. How did Job react to what was said? 2:10

19. Who were Job's three friends and where did they come from? 2:11

20. What did they do for their friend, Job? 2:12,13

II. First Group of Moral and Religious Discourses - Chapters 3 - 14.

A. Job's Complaint - Chapter 3.

21. What does Job curse, and what is his reason for cursing it?

22. By comparison, which had Job experienced longer - affliction or prosperity? Why is this significant?
23. Is Job at any time in this lament considering suicide? 

24. What is the significance of the word "darkness" as Job uses it here? 3:4-6,9 

25. Explain the meaning of "may that night be barren" in 3:7. 

26. Define "Leviathan" as it is used in 3:8. 

27. What are the "ruins" or "desolate places" in 3:14? 

28. Some have said that "death is the great equalizer." Explain what this means. 3:19 

29. Do you see an indirect charge being leveled against God in 3:20? Why/Why not? 

30. What was it that Job longed for more than all the possessions the world could offer him at that time? 

B. Speech of Eliphaz - Chapters 4,5.

31. Why does Eliphaz seem to be SHOCKED at what Job had to say? What do you think he expected him to say?
32. What did Eliphaz remind Job of in the introduction to his speech? 4:3,4

33. Is Eliphaz being sarcastic in 4:5. Discuss.

34. Harmonize the words of Eliphaz in 4:7 with 4:8,9.

35. What is meant by the reference to the lions in 4:10,11?

36. Eliphaz tells Job of a night vision. What is the meaning and purpose of this vision? 4:12-21

37. Explain the meaning of the statement made by Eliphaz in 5:1.

38. Consider Proverbs 14:30 and relate it to Job 5:2.

39. Whom did Eliphaz say he had cursed and why? 5:3,4

40. Compare the reasoning of Eliphaz in 5:6,7 with what he said in 4:8.
41. What is the meaning of the "sparks flying upward" in 5:7? ________________________________

42. To whom does Eliphaz say he commits his cause, and what reasons does he give for it? 5:8-10 ______

43. Where in the New Testament can we find an echo of the words contained in 5:11-16? ________________

44. The principle found in 5:17 is stated also in Proverbs 3:11,12 and Hebrews 12:5f. To whom does it apply?

45. What is the "league" or "covenant" mentioned in 5:23? ________________________________

C. Job's Reply To Eliphaz - Chapters 6,7.

* see notes!

46. When Job found no comfort from his three friends, who did he turn to? 6:8ff ______________________

47. What did he long for this fourth party to do? 6:9,10 ________________________________

48. Explain the two questions found in 6:13. ________________________________

49. What did Job think his friends feelings were toward him? 6:15-21 ________________________________
50. Job asks his friends to remember something in 6:22,23. What is the meaning of this?

51. What does Job ask his friends to do in 6:24-26?

52. He accuses them of doing TWO THINGS in 6:27. What are they?

53. For what is Job arguing in 6:28-30?

54. Several thoughts contained in 7:1-10 are also found in passages in the New Testament. Find as many as you can, and explain the essence of what Job is saying here.

55. What is Job claiming that he has a right to do under the circumstances? 7:11

56. Explain the question which Job poses to God in 7:12.

57. When Job sought comfort in sleep, what did he find instead? 7:13-15
58. There is a difference in the reading here between the New King James Version and other versions on 7:16. The NKJV renders it: "I loathe {my life;} I would not live forever. Let me alone, for my days {are but} a breath." The KJV renders it: "I loathe {it}; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days {are} vanity." The NASV renders this: "I waste away; I will not live forever. Leave me alone, for my days {are} but a breath." The ASV agrees with the KJV on this verse. What does the word mean here, and how could we come to an understanding of what Job is saying about his life?

59. A statement of Job found in 7:17,18 is also found in the book of Hebrews. What is it, and what is the point Job is trying to make here?

60. Compare the thoughts of Job expressed in 7:19 with the thoughts of David in Psalm 33:18 and Psalm 34:15.

61. What does Job ask of God in 7:20?

62. In asking God for forgiveness of any inadvertent sin he might of committed, what does Job present as a possibility? 7:21

D. Speech of Bildad - Chapter 8.

63. What does Bildad the Shuhite think Job is questioning in his lament? 8:1-3

64. Bildad pointedly states something about Job's children in 8:4. What is it, and is it justified?
65. To whom does Bildad tell Job to turn for help, and upon what condition does he imply this one would hear him? 8:5,6

66. Bildad uses anthropomorphism in 8:6. What does this mean, and in what way did he do this?

67. Of what does Bildad unconsciously prophesy in 8:7?

68. What is Bildad asking Job to do? 8:8

69. How would you express what is being pointed out in 8:9?

70. What might the objects used in the proverbial phrases in 8:11 tell us about the area with which Bildad and Job were familiar?

71. Explain the phrases found in 8:11 & 12 and discuss the application made in verses 13 & 14.

72. How does Bildad picture the hope of the hypocrite in 8:15?

73. To what does Bildad liken the hypocrite in 8:16-19 and what does he say will be the end of the hypocrite?
What is Bildad trying to convince Job to do in 8:20-22?

Job's Reply To Bildad - Chapters 9,10.

Job verbalizes a question which men have pondered throughout the ages. What is the question and how would you answer it? 9:2

How is the word "thousand" being used in 9:3?

Job names two qualities of God in 9:4. What are they, and what do they mean?

What is the significance of the things listed in 9:5-10 and how do they relate to what Job is saying here?

Why does Job mention the attribute of God in 9:11?

Who can question anything which God sets about to do? 9:12

The King James Version adds the word "If" at the beginning of verse 13. Other versions omit it. What is the meaning of the verse?
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89. Whom does Job claim to be responsible for calamities that come upon mankind, and what does Job challenge his friends to do? 9:23,24

90. To what does Job compare the passing of his life in 9:25,26 and how might this vary from the analogy in 7:6?

91. What does Job decide to do and what changes his mind? 9:27,28

92. Some versions omit the word "If" at the beginning of 9:29 since it is not found in the Hebrew text. With this in mind, consider what Job is saying in this verse and what he is saying about his hopes of changing his condition?

93. What is Job proposing to do, and what does he say the results will be? 9:30,31

94. Explain what Job means by "coming together in judgment" with God and why Job does not believe it is possible for him to do this with God. 9:32,33

95. Job asks God to take something away from him. If God would do this, what does Job say he could do? 9:34,35

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96. What does Job say he will now do and upon what basis does he decide to do it? 10:1

97. Discuss the two things Job asks of God in 10:2.

98. Job poses seven questions in 10:3-5 which pertain to God's relationship with man. Consider each question and how it relates to this relationship.

99. What does Job say that God knows about him? 10:6,7

100. What does Job mean about the way in which God made him and what God might do with him? 10:8-11

101. Job acknowledges God as the provider of three things. What are they and what does he mean by each? 10:12
102. What does Job say that God had hidden in His heart? 10:13,14

103. Job says he is "full" of something in 10:15. What is it and why does he say this? {Be careful here - there is a difference between the KJV and other versions on this verse.}

104. The King James Version stands alone in the rendering of the first part of 10:16. Consult other versions and explain the meaning of the verse.

105. Three things are perceived by Job as coming from God. What are they? 10:17

106. To what argument does Job return to in 10:18,19?

107. What does Job ask of God in 10:20?

108. In verses 21 and 22 Job used three different words in Hebrew which are all translated "darkness" in the KJV of the Bible. Define each and explain the meaning of the verses.
F. Speech of Zophar - Chapter 11.


110. What two things does Zophar charge Job with in 11:3?

111. How does Zophar view the things that were happening to Job? 11:4-6

112. Discuss the terminology used by Zophar to describe the greatness of God. 11:7-9

113. What is Zophar saying about God in 11:10,11 and how does it apply to his arguments against Job?

114. Explain the meaning of the symbology used in 11:12.
115. What is Zophar trying to get Job to do in 11:13-15?

116. What does Zophar say the results would be if Job would do these things? 11:16-19

117. How does he characterize the hope of the wicked in 11:20?

G. Job's Reply To Zophar - Chapters 12-14.

118. How did Job sarcastically describe his friends in 12:2?

119. What did Job claim for himself in 12:3?

120. Explain Job's reasoning in 12:4-6.
121. On what level is Job placing his friends and their reasoning? 12:7,8

122. Once again, Whom does Job say is responsible for all that had happened to him? 12:9,10

123. Explain the comparison between the ear and the mouth in 12:11.

124. How does a man become wise? 12:12

125. The American Standard Version of 12:13 says: "With {God} is wisdom and might; He hath counsel and understanding." The New King James Version has capitalized "Him" indicating that it is referring to God. What does this say about God in contrast with man?

126. What is the point of 12:14,15 as it relates to Job's argument?

127. In what sense are the "deceived and the deceiver His?" 12:16

128. What does Job say about the power of God in 12:17?

129. How does Job say that God deals with kings and priests? 12:18,19

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130. In what way does God "deprive the trusted ones of speech, and take away the discernment of the elders?"
12:20

131. How might God pour contempt on princes and disarm the mighty? 12:21

132. What things does God uncover and bring to light? 12:22

133. In what does Job claim that God has a hand? 12:23

134. How does Job say that God deals with the leaders of the people, and what does He cause them to be like? 12:24,25

135. What does Job claim with regard to these facts, and how does it relate to what he said in 12:3? 13:1,2

136. Instead of pleading his case with his friends, to Whom does Job wish to direct his plea? 13:3

137. How does Job characterize his friends in 13:4?

138. In what way does Job say his friends could show their wisdom? 13:5

139. Does it appear that Job believed his friends were deliberately speaking wickedly and deceitfully? 13:7

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140. How could Job's friends be showing partiality for God and contending for Him? 13:8

141. What does Job say that God will do if his friends show partiality? 13:9,10

142. Explain the meaning of 13:11 and how it fits into the situation between Job and his friends.

143. To what does Job liken the proverbs (KJV remembrances) of his friends? 13:12

144. What is Job asking of his friends, and what is he willing to accept? 13:13

145. In what way would Job be taking his life in his hands? 13:14

146. What does Job acknowledge might happen, and what is he still determined to do? 13:15

147. How is Job still affirming his innocence in 13:16?

148. What does Job call for, and what does he propose to do? 13:17,18

149. If Job does not plead his case, what does he believe will happen to him? 13:19
150. List and explain the *two things* which Job asks of God. 13:20-22

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151. Again, Job asks God the same question. What is it? 13:23

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152. What does Job perceive that God has done to him? 13:24

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153. Explain the significance of a leaf and the stubble in 13:25.

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154. What are the sins which Job acknowledges and what does he say that God is doing with them? 13:26

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155. How does Job believe that God has limited him? 13:27

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156. Discuss what is meant by the description of man given in 13:28 - 14:2.

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157. What is meant by "open Your eyes" in 14:3?

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158. What is the meaning of "clean" and "unclean" here and what is Job trying to say? 14:4

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159. Job says that man is limited by God in some way. What is he speaking of here? 14:5

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160. What is Job asking God to do, and to what does he liken it? 14:6
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161. Explain the analogy used by Job in 14:7-10.
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162. Discuss Job's use of the water in the sea and the river in 14:11,12.
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163. Explain in what sense Job wants to be hid in the grave {Sheol ASV}. Does Job seem to believe in an afterlife? Discuss. 14:13-15
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164. Why does God watch or mark our every step? Job has conflicting answers to this question. What are they? What is your answer? 14:16
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165. The words of Job in 14:17 are very meaningful. Explain them in your own words.

166. What is the point of Job's words in 14:18-20?

167. In what way are Ecclesiastes 9:5 and Job 14:21 speaking of the same things?

168. What does Job perceive to be the fate of body and soul? 14:22


. Second Speech of Eliphaz - Chapter 15.

169. Eliphaz refers to Job as "wise," but it is not a compliment. What does he mean? Job 15:2

170. Of what does Eliphaz accuse Job in 15:4?

171. What does Eliphaz say about the words of Job? 15:5,6

172. Consider the argument presented in 15:7-10 and summarize the point Eliphaz is making.
173. What are the "consolations of God" and the "word spoken gently?" 15:11

174. In what way does Eliphaz say that Job had attacked God? 15:12,13

175. How is Eliphaz using the fact that man is born of woman in 15:14?

176. To what is he comparing man in 15:15,16?

177. Now Eliphaz cites the authority for what he says. What is it? 15:17-19


179. What does Eliphaz say will happen to those who trust in vain or futile things? 15:31-35

Job's Second Reply To Eliphaz - Chapters 16,17.
180. How does Job characterize the words of his friends in 16:2,3? ________________________________

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181. What does Job say he could do and what he would do? 16:4,5 ________________________________

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182. Job had tried two things; what are they and what were the results? 16:6 ________________________________

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183. Job says that God had done something to him. What is it? 16:7-11 ________________________________

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184. How does Job picture what God had done to him? 16:12-14 ________________________________

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185. What does Job say he had done, and what is the significance of such? 16:15-17 ________________________________

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186. What does Job ask the "earth" to do? 16:18  

187. Whom does Job call to be witness to his innocence and why? 16:19  

188. To whom does Job say he pours out tears and why? 16:20  

189. What is Job wishing to find? 16:21  

190. Job 16:22 seems to tie into the first verse of chapter 17. Discuss the meaning of these two verses.  

191. Who are the "mockers" of which Job speaks in 17:2?  

192. Job wants someone to pledge with him. Who is it? Why? 17:3,4  

193. What does Job say of those who would speak flattery to his friends to gain an advantage? 17:5  

What will happen to the children of those who speak flattery?
194. Job says that he had become something in 17:6. Discuss these things. 

195. The words used by Job in 17:7 indicate eyesight failing because of age. What does Job say is the cause of his loss of eyesight and what else does he say has happened to him? 

196. How are people reacting to Job's condition? 17:8 

197. Who is the "righteous" referred to by Job and what will he do? 17:9 

198. Eliphaz declares his words to be true wisdom in 15:18ff. How does Job respond to the claims of wisdom made by his "friends?" 17:10 

199. Explain the meaning of Job's words in 17:11. 

200. How is Job using "light" and "darkness" in 17:12? 

201. What subject does Job turn his mind to in 17:13-16? 

202. Where does Job perceive his future will be? 17:16
Consult a translation other than the King James Version on 18:2 and explain the meaning of the passage.

Bildad resents what Job said about them in 12:7,8. How does he express his displeasure? 18:3

Job said in 16:9 that God had "torn" him in His wrath! Whom does Bildad say has torn Job? Who is right?

What two things does Bildad accuse Job of wanting God to do for him and how does it relate to Bildad's contention that Job is guilty of some sin?

To what circumstance in Job's life does "the light of the wicked" have reference?

From verse 5 to the end of the chapter, Bildad uses proverbial sayings. Summarize the essence of each of them in the space which follows:

18:5-7

18:8-11
18:12-14


18:15-17


18:18-21


Job's Second Reply To Bildad - Chapter 19.

209. What does Job say his friends have done to him? 19:2,3


211. Of what does Job accuse his friends? 19:5,6


212. What does Job feel he has yet to receive? 19:7


213. In what way had God fenced or walled up Job's way? 19:8


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214. Name the two things Job says that God had taken from him and explain the meaning of each. 19:9

215. Explain the meaning of the metaphors used by Job in 19:10.

216. To what does Job liken his relationship with God at this time? 19:11,12

217. What relationships does Job say have been affected by the things that have happened to him? 19:13-16

218. In light of 1:18,19, please explain the meaning of 19:17.

219. Considering the latter part of 19:18, what do you perceive the meaning of the first part of the verse to be?

220. The latter part of 19:20 has presented problems for Bible students for many generations. What do you perceive the meaning to be?
221. Even if Job was guilty of some wrong, what could his friends have done for him if they were truly friends? 19:21

222. Of what does Job accuse the friends? 19:22

223. What does Job wish and why? 19:23,24

224. Many consider 19:25-27 to be the "central verses of the entire book." What important points are made here by Job and how do they relate to what we know about Christ and the resurrection from the dead? 19:25-27

225. What warning does Job give to his friends as he closes this speech? 19:28,29

E. Second Speech of Zophar - Chapter 20.

226. Why does Zophar say he has to speak at this time? 20:2,3

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227. To what does Zophar once again appeal? 20:4

228. How does Zophar explain the prosperity which Job once enjoyed? 20:5

229. Zophar sinks to a new low in 20:7. How so?

230. Job is compared to a dream and a vision in the night. Explain. 20:8

231. What is emphasized in 20:9?

232. Whose "children" are involved in 20:10 and what is the point of the verse?

233. Zophar says that sin is sweet and tasty, but it turns to poison in the stomach. Is this true? Discuss in class. 20:12-14

234. Zophar's figures of speech are quite graphic if not coarse. Someone is pictured as being sick - WHO? and WHY? 20:15

235. What does Zophar say is the cause and result of this sickness? 20:16,17

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236. What does Zophar say will be the disposition of that which Job had once possessed? 20:18

237. Of what does Zophar accuse Job in 20:19?

238. Explain the meaning of 20:20,21 in light of the accusation in 20:19.

239. Discuss the meaning of "fullness of sufficiency" and "straits" in 20:22.

240. Whom does Zophar say would reveal Job's sins and how does this relate to 16:18,19? 20:27

241. How does Zophar sum up his argument? 20:29

F. Job's Second Reply To Zophar - Chapter 21.

242. Eliphaz had identified his words with "the consolation of God" in 15:11. What does Job have to say about real consolation? 21:2

243. What does Job ask of Zophar? 21:3

244. Against whom does Job say he does not have a complaint? What is the necessary inference as to WHOM the complaint is against, and what does he mean by saying he is impatient? 21:4

245. Explain what Job was asking them to do in 21:5,6.
246. What evidence does Job present to refute the so-called "universal principle of retributive justice?" 21:7-13

247. How does Job say the wicked act toward God? 21:14,15

248. Consider and explain the meaning of 21:16.

249. Why does Job pose the question in 21:17?

250. What is the meaning of the metaphors used in 21:18?

251. Explain the meaning of the proverb in 21:19 and how it is answered by Job in the following verse.

252. How do the thoughts in 21:21 relate to the proverb and its explanation just given?

253. What is point is Job making in 21:22-26?
254. To whom is Job speaking in 21:27?

255. Who is the "prince" of 21:28 and how might the traveler answer this question? 21:28,29

256. What does Job say is the destiny of the wicked? 21:30


258. What does Job say about the wicked after they have died? 21:32,33

259. How does Job evaluate the words of his "friends" thus far? 21:34


A. Third Speech of Eliphaz - Chapter 22.

260. What does Eliphaz about man's relationship with God and himself? 22:2,3

262. What are the *specific sins* that Eliphaz says Job has committed? 22:5-9

263. Bildad said that something happened top those who were ungodly in 18:8-11. Job acknowledges that such has happened to him in 19:6. How does Eliphaz use this argument against him? 22:10,11

264. Explain the argument used by Eliphaz in 22:12-14.

265. To whom does Eliphaz refer in 22:15-18 and why is he using this against Job?

266. Who are the "righteous" and the "innocent" and what will the fire consume? 22:19,20

267. What does Eliphaz ask Job to do? 22:21,22

268. Eliphaz tells Job what he believes will be the results of Job doing what he suggests. List and discuss each. 22:23-28
268. continued - 

269. Is the conclusion drawn by Eliphaz in 22:29 correct? Discuss. 

270. There is a slight variation in the readings of 22:30. The King James Version says: "He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands." The American Standard Version says: "He will deliver {even} him that is not innocent: Yea, he shall be delivered through the cleanness of thy hands." And the New King James Version says: "He will {even} deliver one who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands." Compare these and other versions and explain the meaning of this passage. 

B. Job's Third Reply to Eliphaz - Chapters 23,24.

271. What is the theme of the entire 23rd chapter? 

272. How did Job express the way he was feeling about God's presence? 23:3 

273. What does Job say he desired to do before God? 23:4 
274. How does Job say he would react to the words from God? 23:5 ________________

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275. What does Job say that God WOULD and WOULD NOT do? 23:6 ________________

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276. Job once again characterizes himself as being quite different from what his friends were accusing him. What word does he use to describe himself, and what does he say would be the result of bringing his case before God? 23:7 ________________

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277. What is the point Job is making in 23:8,9? ________________

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278. How does Job characterize his life before God? 23:10-12 ________________

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279. Explain what Job says about God in 23:13 and how does it relate to his situation? ________________

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280. Is Job expressing a fatalistic attitude in 23:14? Discuss. ________________

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281. What is it that terrifies or "troubles" Job and why? 23:15-17 ________________

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Chapter 24 is a negative parallel to 21:7-17. In that, Job pointed out the fact that the wicked were not always punished by God, and in fact, they prospered. What is he pointing out in Chapter 24?

Explain Job's question in 24:1.

Where can be find mention in the Law of Moses against the actions taken in 24:2,3 and what does this tell us about the law under which Job lived?

Why does Job say the poor are forced to hide? 24:4

What is Job saying about the poor in 24:5?

What kind of food do the poor eat? 24:6

When it is cold and dark, what is the condition of the poor? 24:7

Where do the poor go for shelter? 24:8

What evil thing is done to the poor according to 24:9?
290. How does 24:10 connect with the evil spoken of in 24:9?

291. What is the torture the poor are said to suffer in 24:11?

292. Who does Job say remains silent in the face of such atrocities? 24:12

293. Explain the concept of rebelling against the light which Job uses in 24:13.

294. Three of the Ten Commandments given through Moses are violated in 24:14,15. Name each of them.

295. Why do such people love the darkness and what do they do in the daytime? 24:16,17

296. In 24:18, the King James Version shifts back and forth from "he" and "their" to "he." Other versions stay with the plural "they," "their," and "they." What is the meaning of this passage and how is Job using the arguments made here? 24:18-24

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297. What is Job's challenge in 24:25?

C. Third Speech of Bildad - Chapter 25.

298. Of Whom does Bildad speak in 25:2 and what does he say in this regard?

299. What is Bildad trying to prove in 25:3?

300. How does 25:4 relate to Romans 3:23?

301. Explain the comparison made by Bildad in 25:5,6.

D. Job's Third Reply To Bildad - Chapters 26-31.

302. What is the thought contained in the first four verses of Chapter 26?

303. What is the central theme of verses 5-14 in Chapter 26?
304. Why does the first verse of Chapter 27 use the word "parable" in the King James Version to describe this part of Job's speech?  

305. Job takes the most solemn oath possible. What is it? 27:2  

306. How does Job refer to the fact that he is still alive and what does he say he is intent on doing? 27:3,4  

307. What is Job doing in 27:5? Why?  

308. How is Job using the word "heart" in 27:6?  

309. What does Job say is the condition of those who oppose him? 27:7  

310. What passage of Scripture in the New Testament is quite similar in thought to what Job said in 27:8?  

311. How should the question posed by Job in 27:9 have affected his "friends?"  

312. In 27:10 Job speaks of the attitude a righteous person should have toward God. What is it?  

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313. Of what does Job charge God in 27:11,12? ________________________________
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314. What does Job say is the "portion of a wicked man" - is there any relationship between this and what happened to Job? 27:13-17 ______________________________
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315. What is the "moth" of 27:18 and how does it relate to the point being made by Job? ______________________________
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316. How does Job describe what will happen to the rich who are wicked? 27:19 ______________________________
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317. What else does Job say will happen to them? 27:20 ______________________________
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318. Who is throwing what at whom in 27:22? ______________________________
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319. Job says that men clap their hands at the wicked. Why? 27:23 ______________________________
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320. What is the point being made in 28:1? ______________________________
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321. What is Job describing in 28:3 and does this still happen today? ______________________________
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322. It has been suggested that verses 3 & 4 and 9-11 are alike. How so? Discuss the point being made.

323. What does Job say is ABOVE and BELOW the earth, and what is meant by this comparison? 28:5,6

324. Discuss the "path" mentioned by Job in 28:7,8.

325. Job discusses the things man can mine, but what is it that cannot be mined? 28:12,13

326. What is the deep of 28:14 and what does this mean?

327. Names the precious items that are compared with wisdom in 28:15-19.

328. Note the similarity between 28:12 and 28:20. Why is wisdom so elusive? Or is it? Discuss in class.
What is hidden in 28:21? 

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Discuss the meaning of the words "destruction" and "fame" in 28:22.

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Whom does Job say knows the way of wisdom? 28:23

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How does Job illustrate God's Wisdom? 28:24-27

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What does Job wish for? 29:2

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What was the "candle" or "lamp" of 29:3?

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Discuss "the secret of God" {KJV} in 29:4.

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Children are the gift of God - to lose these gifts should teach us something. What did Job learn? 29:5

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339. The happiness which Job had enjoyed in the past was based on three relationships. What are they? 29:5-7

340. How did both the young and the old show respect to Job? 29:8

341. How did princes react to Job? 29:9

342. Men became hushed and nervous in the presence of Job before tragedy struck him. Why? 29:10

343. What reason does Job give for the statement concerning himself in 29:11? 29:12,13

How does this compare to the accusation of Eliphaz in 22:6,7?

344. How does Job describe his former state in 29:14?

345. Discuss the benevolent actions of Job prior to his sickness. 29:15,16
346. In addition to helping the poor, what did Job do to the aggressor? 29:17

347. Job had looked forward to dying in the "nest" and multiplying his days. What is meant by this? 29:18

348. In what way is Job like a tree? 29:19

349. Explain the significance of the "glory" and the "bow" in 29:20.

350. What is Job saying about his former status in 29:21-25?

351. Who are the men being spoken of in 30:1-8?

352. The point of 30:1-8 is found in 30:9. What is it?

353. In what way do these men insult Job according to 30:10?

354. What is the "cord" of 30:11?
355. Explain the picture which Job is painting in 30:12. 

356. What does Job say has happened to him? 30:15 

357. What does Job say in 30:17 about his discomfort? 

358. Explain in your own words the statement in 30:18. 

359. How does Job perceive God according to 30:20,21? 

360. Consider the way God views the wind in contrast with the way Job sees the wind. 30:22 

361. Is Job saying that the grave is the end in 30:23? If not, what is he saying? 

362. What is Job suggesting about God? 30:24 

363. What is the admirable attribute that Job speaks of in 30:25? 

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364. Discuss Job's observation in 30:26 - is it accurate?

365. How is Job like the creatures mentioned in 30:29?

366. In what ways does Job say his body is being ravaged by disease? 30:30

367. What is the point Job is making by using the two musical instruments in 30:31?

368. What is the "covenant" Job made and what are its implications? 31:1

369. Explain the connection between 31:1 and 31:2.

370. How does Job express his friendship with God and God with Him? 31:4

371. What is Job entertaining in 31:5,6 and how does he express his trust in God?
372. Name the three things which Job presents to prove his innocence in 31:7, and relate one of these to what Job said in 31:1.

373. What is the "harvest" Job refers to in 31:8?

374. What sin does Job speak of in 31:9, and what does he say should happen to him if he has committed such a sin? 31:10

375. How does Job describe such acts? 31:11? How does the world today consider such?

376. In what way might adultery be related to fire? 31:12; Proverbs 6:26-29

377. What is the sin which Job mentions in 31:13, and what does he say would happen if had been guilty of such a sin? 31:14

378. Job sees all men as being _______. For what reason? 31:15
379. Job denies the charge made by Eliphaz in 22:7-9. Show how that charge was irrational in light of Job's explanation. 31:16-22

380. What does Job say should happen to him IF he had NOT been charitable and kind to all men? 31:22

381. According to Job, how does the greatness of God relate to his morality? 31:23

382. Job denies that he has had any other gods. Name the ones he had rejected, and discuss how they might relate to mankind today. 31:24-28

383. What was involved in "kissing the hand" in 31:27?


V. Discourses of Elihu - Chapters 32-37.

385. What reason is given for the cessation of arguments from the three friends? 32:1
386. Elihu was mad at both Job and the other three friends. What was his reason for being mad at them? 32:2,3,5

387. Why did Elihu wait until now to speak to Job? 32:4,6

388. Was Elihu's observation correct in 32:7? Proverbs 16:31

389. What is Elihu saying about the matters of "wisdom" and "justice?" 32:8,9

390. Consider the word "opinion" in 32:10 and explain what it is that Elihu is offering to Job.

391. Of what does he accuse the three friends? 32:11,12


393. What does Elihu observe and propose to do? 32:14

394. How did the three friends react to this? 32:15
What does Elihu mean in 32:16?

How are we to understand the claim of Elihu in 32:18?

Explain the comparisons which Elihu made in 32:19,20.

Elihu would *not* dare to flatter anyone. Why?

What claims does Elihu make for himself?

How does he challenge Job?

What does Elihu claim to be?

Elihu alludes to one of Job's charges against God. What was it?

What does Elihu do in 33:9-11 and is it accurate?
404. Is Elihu making any points in 33:12 that Job had not already acknowledged?

405. What is the point of 33:13,14?

406. Of what does Elihu speak in 33:15,16, and is Job familiar with this practice?

407. The purpose for dreams is given in 33:17. What is it?

408. What does Elihu say that God does? 33:18

409. Who is doing the chastening in 33:19, and was this true of Job?

410. What does the word "life" mean in 33:20? How does this affect the meaning of the verse?

411. What is Elihu describing in 33:21, and what is the purpose?

412. Who are the "destroyers" or "executioners" in 33:22?
413. Explain the "messenger" and the work of the "messenger" in 33:23. 

414. What is the "ransom" which Elihu speaks of in 33:24?

415. Complete recovery is graphically described in 33:25. Explain in your own words.

416. Consider what Elihu says about restoration in 33:26, 27 and see if any of this might relate to Christians who sin. Discuss in class.

417. What is Elihu inferring to Job in 33:29, 30?

418. Unlike the others, what does Elihu claim to be wanting to do for Job? 33:32

419. What does Elihu claim to be and was it true? 33:33

420. Why does Elihu compare the ear with the palate? 34:3

421. Consider the "pluses" and "minuses" of Elihu's statement in 34:4.
422. Somebody is represented as being a liar. 34:5,6 Who is it? ____________________________________________

Does Elihu fairly represent Job's complaint? ____________________________________________________________

423. What does it mean to "drink scorn like water?" 34:7 _____________________________________________________

424. According to Elihu, Job is the antithesis of Psalm 1:1. How so? 34:8 ________________________________

425. Is Elihu fairly representing Job in 34:9? _____________________________________________________________

426. Who has accused God of wickedness? Discuss the point of 34:10. ________________________________

427. The question is not "why does God not prevent injustice?" What is the basic question here? 34:11 _____

428. What does Elihu say could happen, and why does he say this? 34:14,15 ______________________________

429. Whom does Elihu believe should be allowed to govern? Is this always true? 34:17 ________________

430. Of what is Job accusing Job in 34:18? __________________________________________________________

431. What is Elihu saying about God's way of governing? 34:19 __________________________________________

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432. What is emphasized in 34:20?

433. How does Elihu reply to Job's wish for the opportunity to face God in court in 9:32? 34:23,24

434. What is the contrast between the place the wicked do their deeds and where God will punish them? 34:25,26

435. Of what are the wicked guilty? 34:27,28

436. What is Elihu saying about God and what does he say God will do? 34:29,30

437. Explain the meaning of the statements in 34:31,32.

438. Whom does Elihu imply has the right govern the world? 34:33

439. Enumerate the accusations Elihu levels against Job in 34:34-37.

440. Of what does Elihu accuse Job of saying, and is it just? 35:2
441. The words inserted by the translators in 35:3 of the King James Version change the meaning of the text. The New King James Version says: "For you say, 'What advantage will it be to You? What profit shall I have, more than {if} I had sinned?'" Explain the meaning of this accusation, and discuss whether or not it is accurate.

442. What part of 35:4 may be understood to be a further indication of Elihu's consistent arrogance? 

443. Would you say that there is any difference in the concept of God's transcending power voiced by Elihu and that which Job voiced? 9:8-10; 35:5

444. Job had already answered the argument made in 35:6 in 7:20. What was it?

445. Elihu is reasoning as if Job had claimed to be without any sin. What does he ask Job in 35:7?

446. What is Elihu saying about the effects of Job's sin? 35:8

447. It appears that Elihu is trying to give a reason for something that Job observed in Chapter 24 concerning the oppressed. But Elihu thinks he knows why these things happen. What is it that Job observed and what is the answer Elihu offers? 35:9-14

448. Explain 35:15 in your own words.

449. What does Elihu think of Job's speeches thus far? 35:16
450. Does Elihu mean that this message is for God or from God? 36:2,3

451. How familiar with the subject of modesty does Elihu seem to be? 36:4

452. Earlier Job wondered why the wicked were allowed to live {21:7}. How does Elihu reply to this, and what questions remain unanswered by this man of "perfect knowledge?" 36:6

453. What benefits does Elihu say the righteous will have? Is this true? 36:7

454. Who is the "they" in 36:8 and what is the argument he is making in 36:8-12?

455. How does Elihu say the hypocrites react to God's correction? 36:13,14

456. Who are the "perverted" or "unclean" persons of 36:14?

457. What point is Elihu trying to make to Job in 36:15-17?
458. What is meant by a "large ransom" in 36:18?

459. Consider the difference between the King James version and the American Standard version of 36:19 and then explain the meaning within this context.
KJV - Will he esteem thy riches? {no}, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
ASV - Will thy cry avail, {that thou be} not in distress, Or all the forces of {thy} strength?

460. What does Elihu tell Job not to desire and why? 36:20

461. Elihu thinks he knows why Job is suffering, even if Job doesn't know. What reason does he give? 36:21

462. Elihu says that God is a teacher - but what is he saying about Job's situation? 36:22

463. Of what does Elihu accuse Job and is it accurate? 36:23

464. What does it mean to "magnify" the work of God, and why is Elihu telling Job to remember to do this? 36:24

465. Elihu states a fact about God that also appears in Psalm 102. What is that fact? 36:26

466. What scientific fact is Elihu stating in 36:27 and to Whom does he give credit for the process?
467. How might we relate Matthew 5:45 with 36:28?

468. In what way do thunderstorms and seas judge peoples? 36:29-31

469. Express in your own words the meaning of the figure used in 36:32.

470. There are several explanations given for 36:33. Which do you think best fits the context and why?

471. What is it that seems to be causing Elihu to tremble? 37:1,2

472. It would seem that God is being presented as the Lord of all seasons. Show how spring, summer, fall and winter are all represented in 37:3-6.

473. What is the meaning of "seals the hand of every man" in 37:7?
474. How does the statement concerning the animals relate to Elihu's argument? 37:8

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475. Discuss the imagery in 37:9,10 and what it says about the knowledge shared by those in the time of Job.

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476. What does Elihu say about God's control of nature and how might he be relating this to Job's situation?
37:11-13

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477. Elihu is turning his attention to Job once again in 37:14. What is he trying to get Job to do? _______

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478. What is meant by the reference to "the balancing of the clouds?" 37:16

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479. Explain the reference to the sky and the mirror in 37:18.

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480. Elihu uses biting sarcasm in 37:19. To what purpose?

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481. What is Job being accused of and is the accusation just? 37:20

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482. Explain the point of 37:21 within this context. ____________________________________________

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483. To what does the reference to "golden splendor" refer in 37:22? ________________________________

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484. How does Elihu interpret God's righteousness? 37:23 ________________________________

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485. Why does Elihu make his final assertion in 37:24 and how does it relate to his argument? ________________

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VI. Discourses of God - Chapters 38-42:6

486. When God breaks His silence and speaks to Job, what does He have to say about the theological arguments made by the three friends and Elihu? 38:2 ________________________________

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487. Instead of leveling specific charges against Job, as he had requested, what did God do? 38:3ff ________

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488. What did God declare about the origin of the earth? 38:4-7 ________________________________

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489. Discuss the facts God presents concerning the seas in 38:8-11. ________________________________

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490. What is the picture God paints of the morning and the dawn, and how does He relate this to Job? 38:12,13

491. The contribution of light and dark to the beauty of the earth is described beautifully in 38:14. Explain the meaning.

492. Explain the light and the broken arm in 38:15.

493. What are the "springs" and the "depths" God mentions in 38:16, and what do they have to do with His challenge to Job?

494. What "gates" or "doors" does God ask Job about and why? 38:17

495. God asks if Job knows something about the earth. What is it and why does He ask? 38:18

496. What does God ask Job about Light and Darkness in 38:19,20 and how does this relate to Job's situation at this time?

497. In what way might God's words to Job in 38:21 be considered sarcastic?

498. What does God say about the hail in 38:22,23? {cf. Isaiah 30:30}
The King James Version of 38:24 presents some difficult questions. Consult the King James Version for this verse and then compare it with other versions. What is your understanding of this verse? __________

What does God's reference to the rain and His part in producing it have to do with Job? 38:25-27 __________

Why is God asking Job the questions in 38:28,29? __________

Again the King James Version presents some confusion on the picture God is painting in 38:30. Compare other versions and tell the meaning of this verse. __________

What realm is God questioning Job about, and what is the point of these questions? 38:31-33 __________

Compare the first line of 38:34 with 36:29b and 37:2,4 and then explain what God is asking Job at this time. 38:35 __________

What are the "inward parts" and what does God say has been put into them? Why is this significant to Job? 38:36 __________
506. Explain the "staying of the bottles of heaven" in 38:37. 

507. How does 38:38 relate to what God says in the previous verse? 

508. To what realm does God shift His attention in His questioning of Job, and what is He trying to get Job to learn from this? 38:39-41 

509. God shows that Job is very ignorant about so many subjects - such as the pregnancy and birth of deer. What is this fact intended to prove? 39:1-3 

510. What is the thought contained in 39:3? 

511. What can be inferred from the care which God provides for the wild mountain goats? 39:4 

512. If the wild donkey is under God's sovereign care, what about Man? Is this the point of 39:5? 39:5-8 

513. The wild donkey scorns - at what and for what reason? 39:7 

514. Do we have a reference to the unicorn in 39:9? What is discussed? {KJV}
515. Please discuss the distinction between plowing and binding with ropes in the possible use of the wild ox in verse 39:10.

516. An important principle is given in 39:11, 12. It is applied to the wild ox, but it also relates to man. What is it?

517. What is the point of the comparison God makes in 39:13?

518. Several facts are presented about the behavior of the ostrich. Name at least two, and discuss the prominent impression people have of this bird. 39:14-18

519. In what way is the horse compared with the locust? 39:19, 20

520. Give at least two characteristics of the horse described in 39:21, 22.

521. The war horse enjoys the conflict. Point out the indications of his satisfaction and explain why God gives this description. 39:23-25

523. What two birds does God discuss in 39:27 & 30? 

524. God has placed marvelous capacities in these birds. Name two of them and explain how they are related to Job? 39:26-30 

525. What is God's challenge to Job? 40:1,2 

526. Discuss the content of Job's response to God. 40:3-5 

527. God challenges Job to do some things in 40:7-13 and then God says that He will in turn do something in 40:14. Be prepared to discuss this in class.

528. What creature is discussed in 40:15-24 and what is the point God makes to Job?

529. Is Leviathan a real or mythological creature? Discuss in light of evidence found in the Scriptures and elsewhere. 41:1 

530. Does it appear that this creature was intended to be domesticated or taken easily by mankind? 41:1-7
531. What is God saying about an encounter with Leviathan? 41:8

532. The point of 41:1-9 is found in 41:10. What is it?


534. Explain the imagery found in 41:12-34 which most conclude to be describing a "fire-breathing dragon."

A. Response and Confession of Job - 42:1-6

535. To what does Job confess in his response to God? 42:3

536. Consider what Job says about hearing and seeing God and be prepared to discuss these ideas in class. 42:5

537. What did Job do as a result of hearing and seeing God? 42:6
VII. The Epilogue - Chapter 42:7-17

538. Whom does God address and what does He say they have done? 42:7

539. What did God tell them to do? 42:8

540. How did God treat Job after this? 42:10, 12-16

541. How did Job's relatives respond to the outcome of this suffering? 42:11

542. After this, how long did Job live and what can be said of his remaining years that we might wish to be said of our own lives? 42:16,17

543. What part of this grand book has meant the most to you. Please be specific.