

# Interesting Facts About Job

**MEANING:** Job has two possible meanings:

- Hebrew: "The persecuted one."
- Arabic: "Repentant one."

**AUTHOR:** Unknown

**TIME WRITTEN:** While the events of Job took place during the Patriarchal Age, perhaps between Genesis 11 and 12, the time of its writing is unknown.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 18th Book in the Bible
- 18th Book in the Old Testament
- 1st of 5 Poetical books (Job - Song of Solomon)
- 48 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 42

**VERSES:** 1,070

**WORDS:** 10,102

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JOB:**

- Many believe the Book of Job to be the earliest book of the Bible.
- Job is set during the times of the patriarchs.
- Factors to indicate a Patriarchal Age setting for Job:
  - Job lived about 140 years after the events of this book took place (42:14). Therefore, his life span must have been around 200 years. Abraham lives 175 years.
  - Job's wealth is measured in terms of livestock (1:3; 42:12) rather than silver and gold.
  - Like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Job is the priest of his family and offers sacrifices.
  - The social unit is the patriarchal clan.
  - Job uses the characteristic patriarchal name for God, "Shaddai" ("the Almighty").
  - There is no reference to:
    - Israel

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- The exodus from Egypt
- The Mosaic Law
- The Tabernacle

■ The Book of Job tells of a man who lost everything.

- His wealth
- His family
- His health

■ Job wrestles with the great question, WHY?

■ The land of Uz (1:1) is adjacent to the land of Midian where Moses lived for some 40 years.

■ The Book of Job deals with:

- The question of the righteous having to suffer.
- The sovereignty of God over creation.

■ Three of Job's friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar travel from nearby countries to visit with Job.

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him  
... He also shall be my salvation.”

Job 13:15-16

