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

  ■ 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, Eilhu, Ephaz, 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

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